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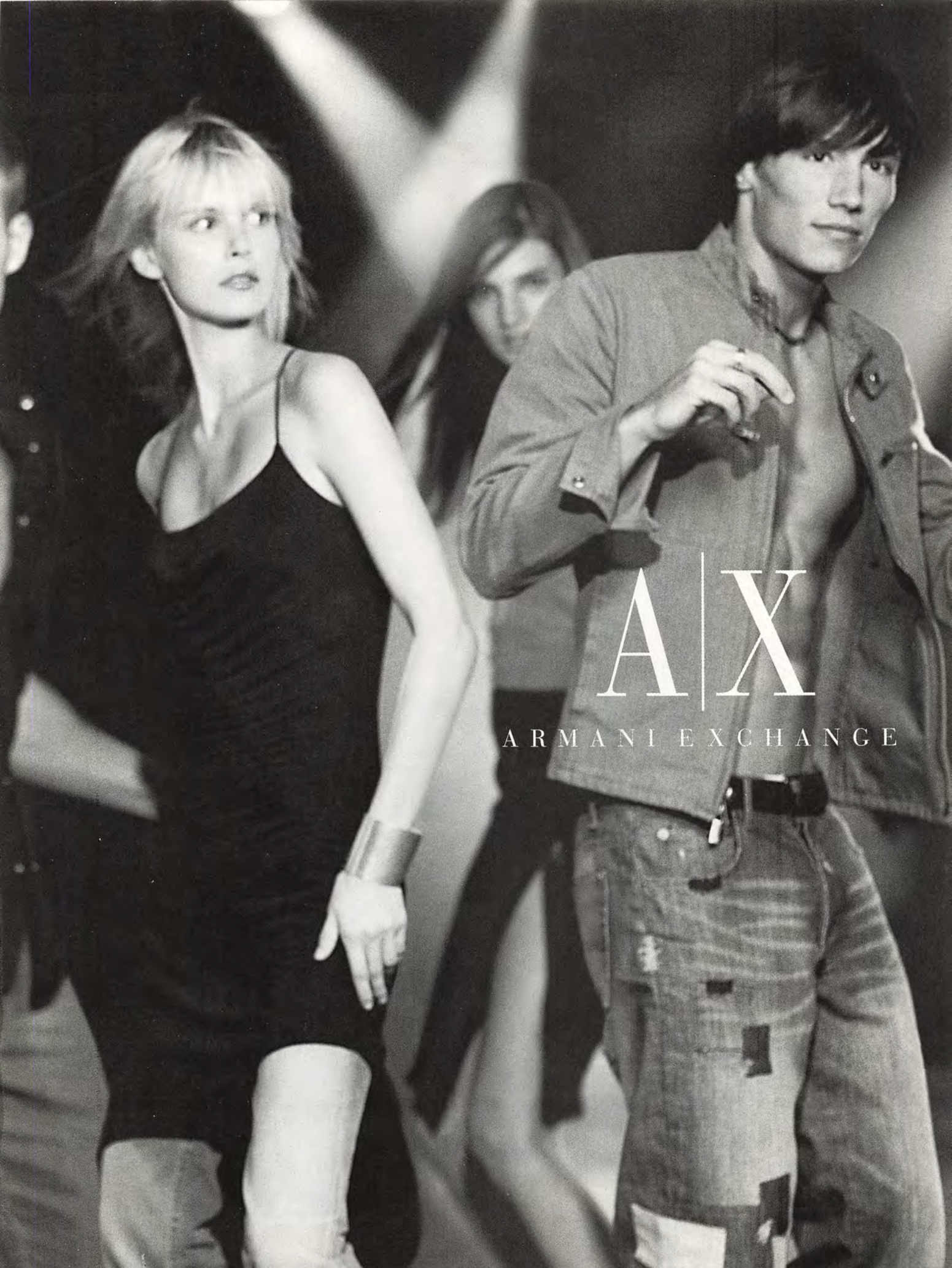






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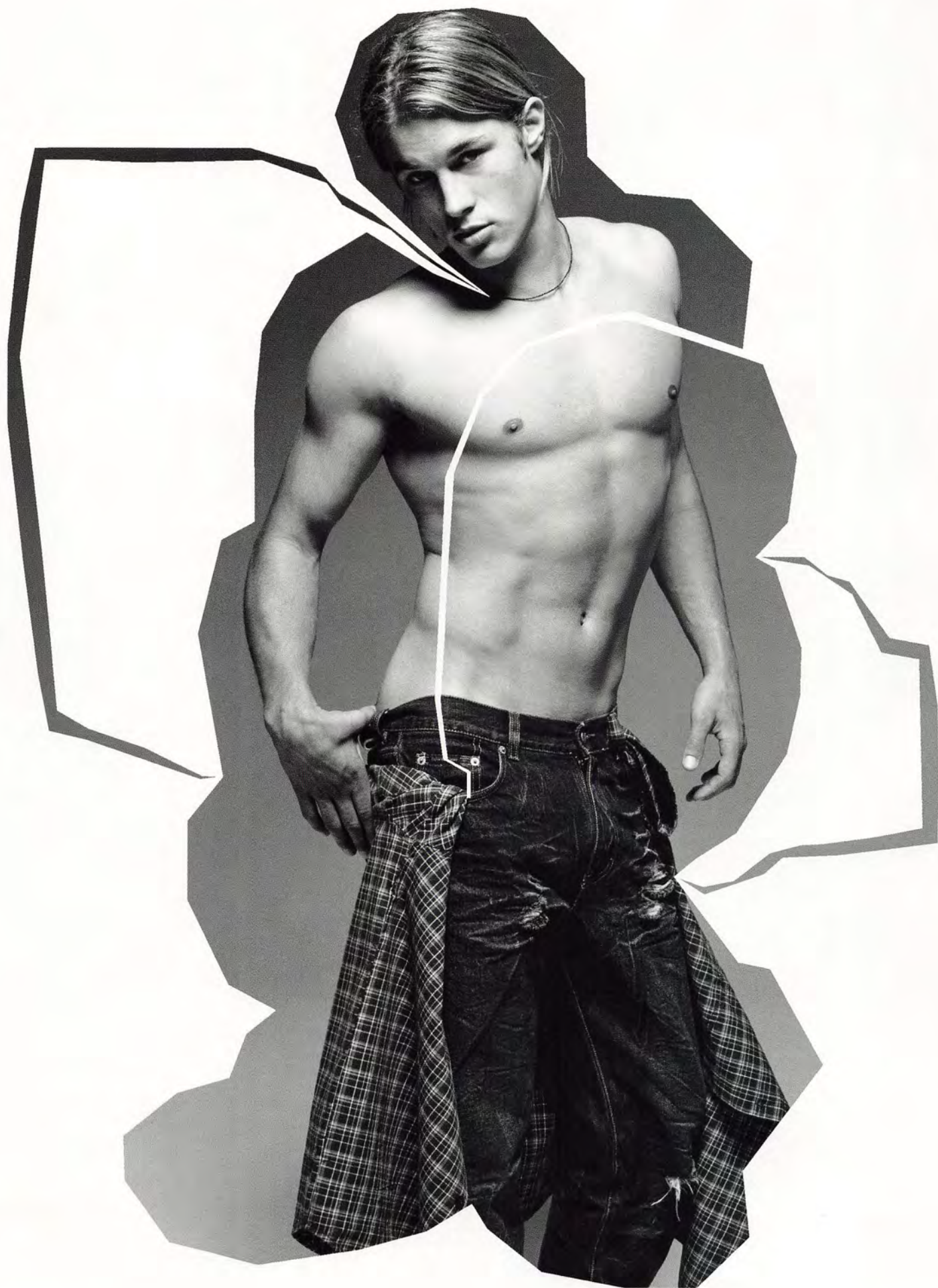




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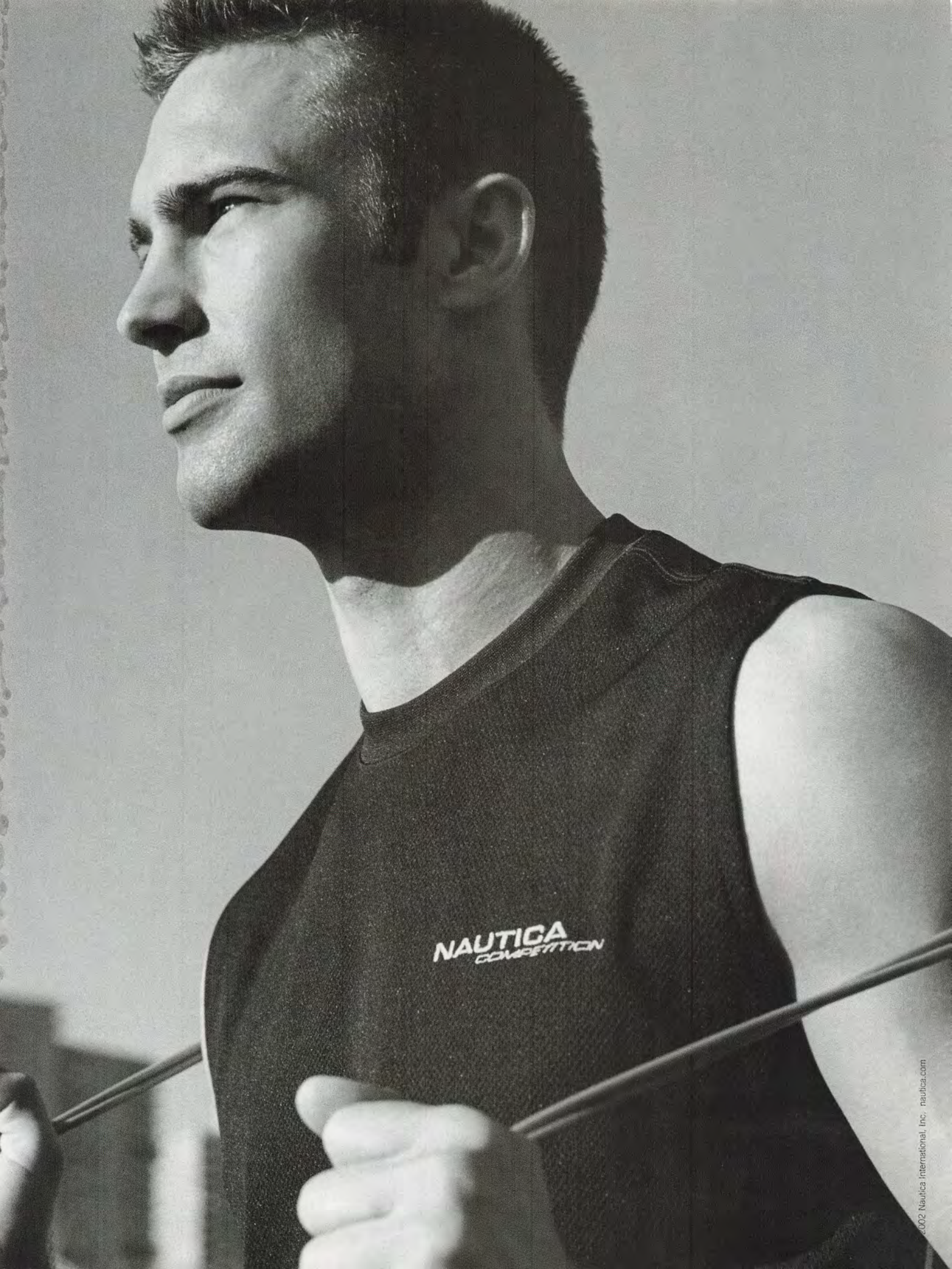




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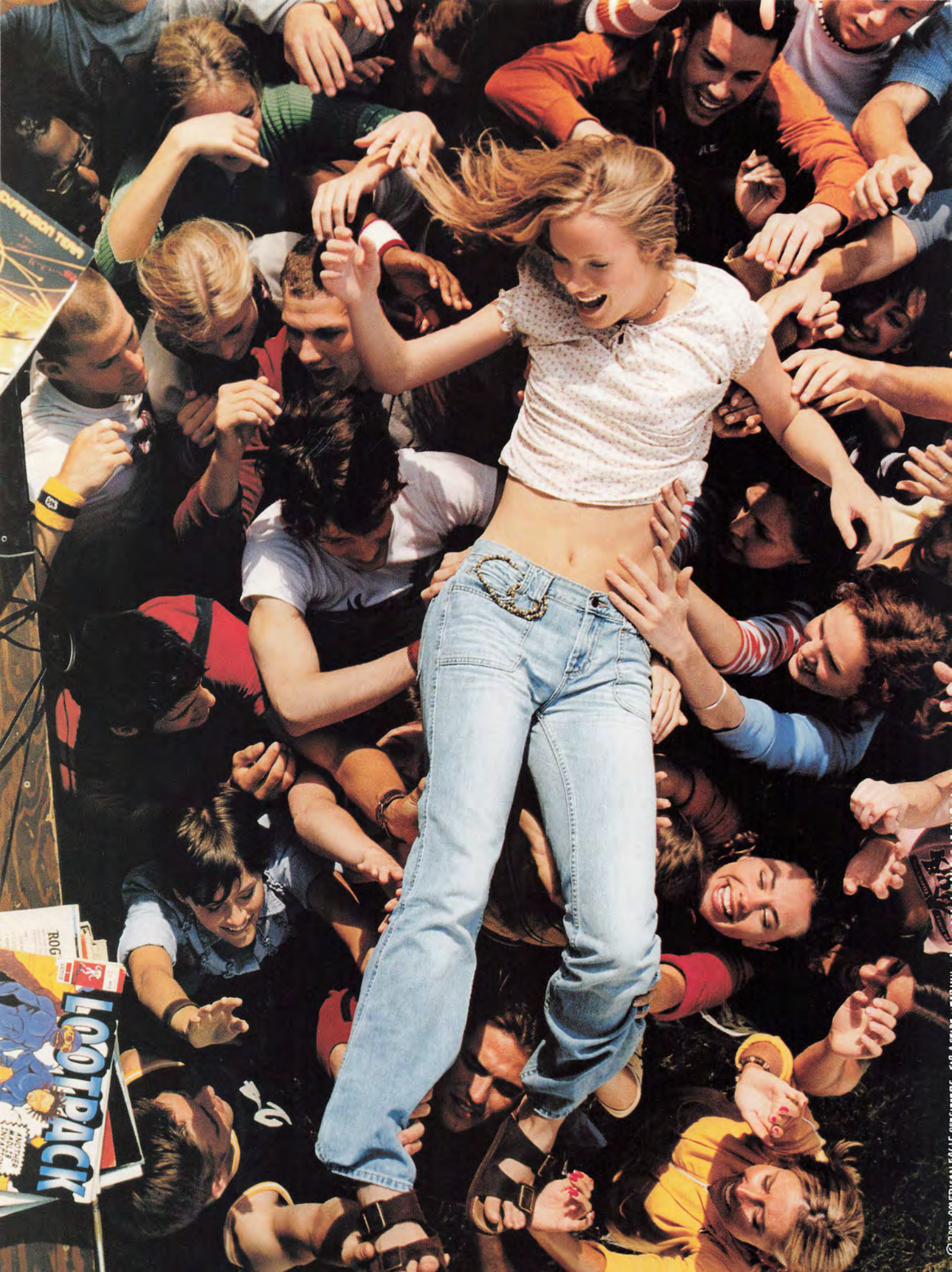




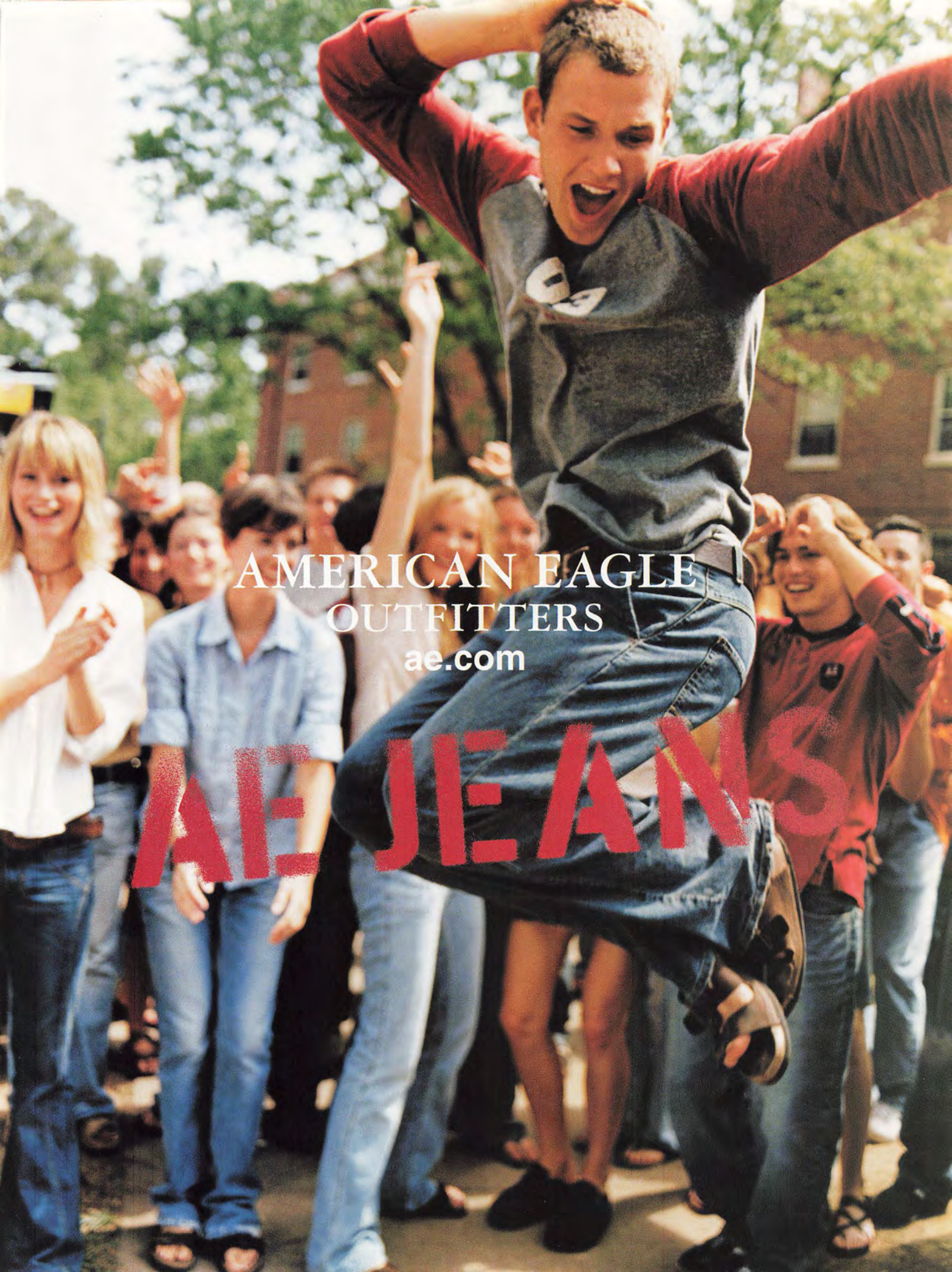


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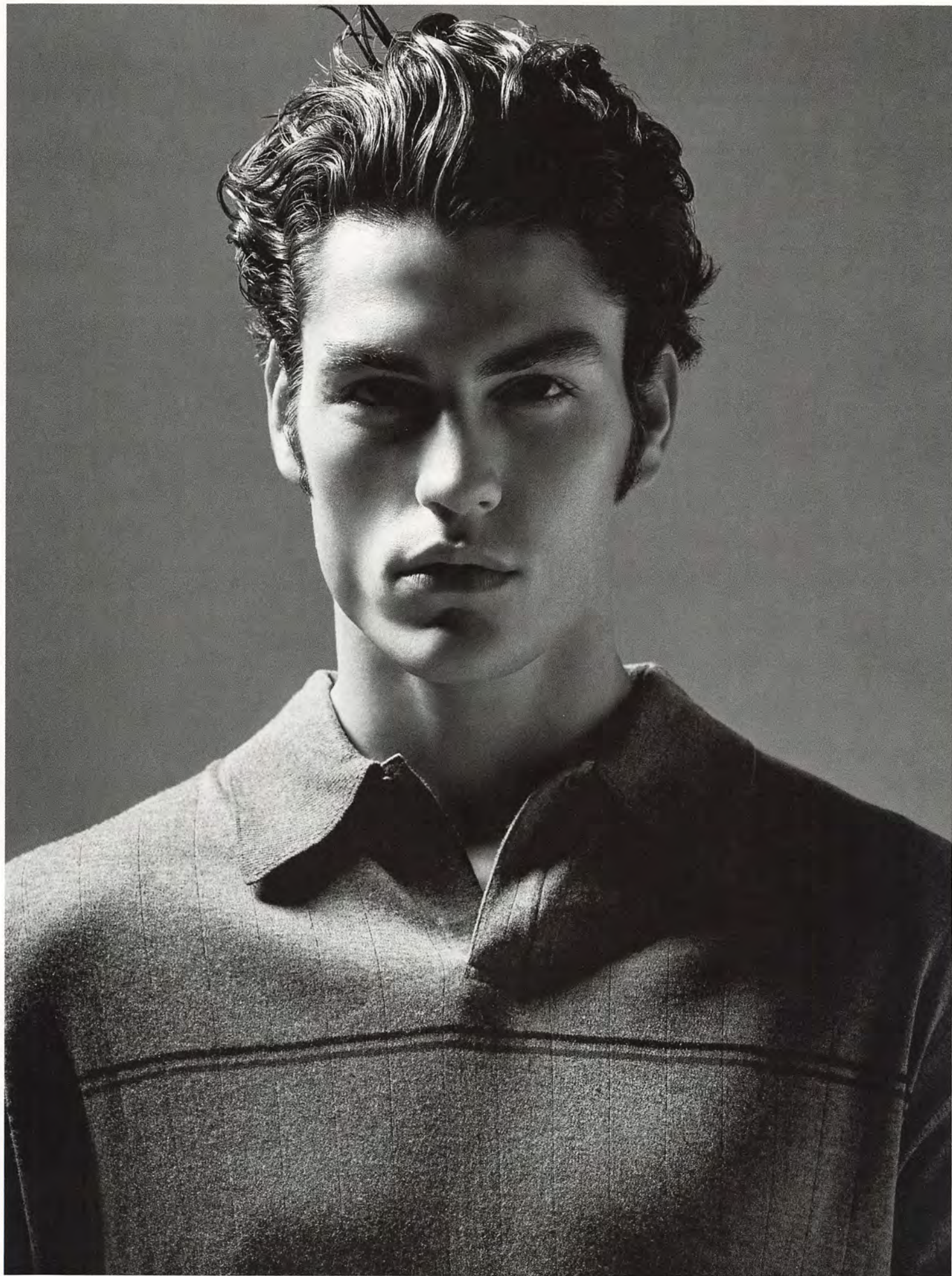




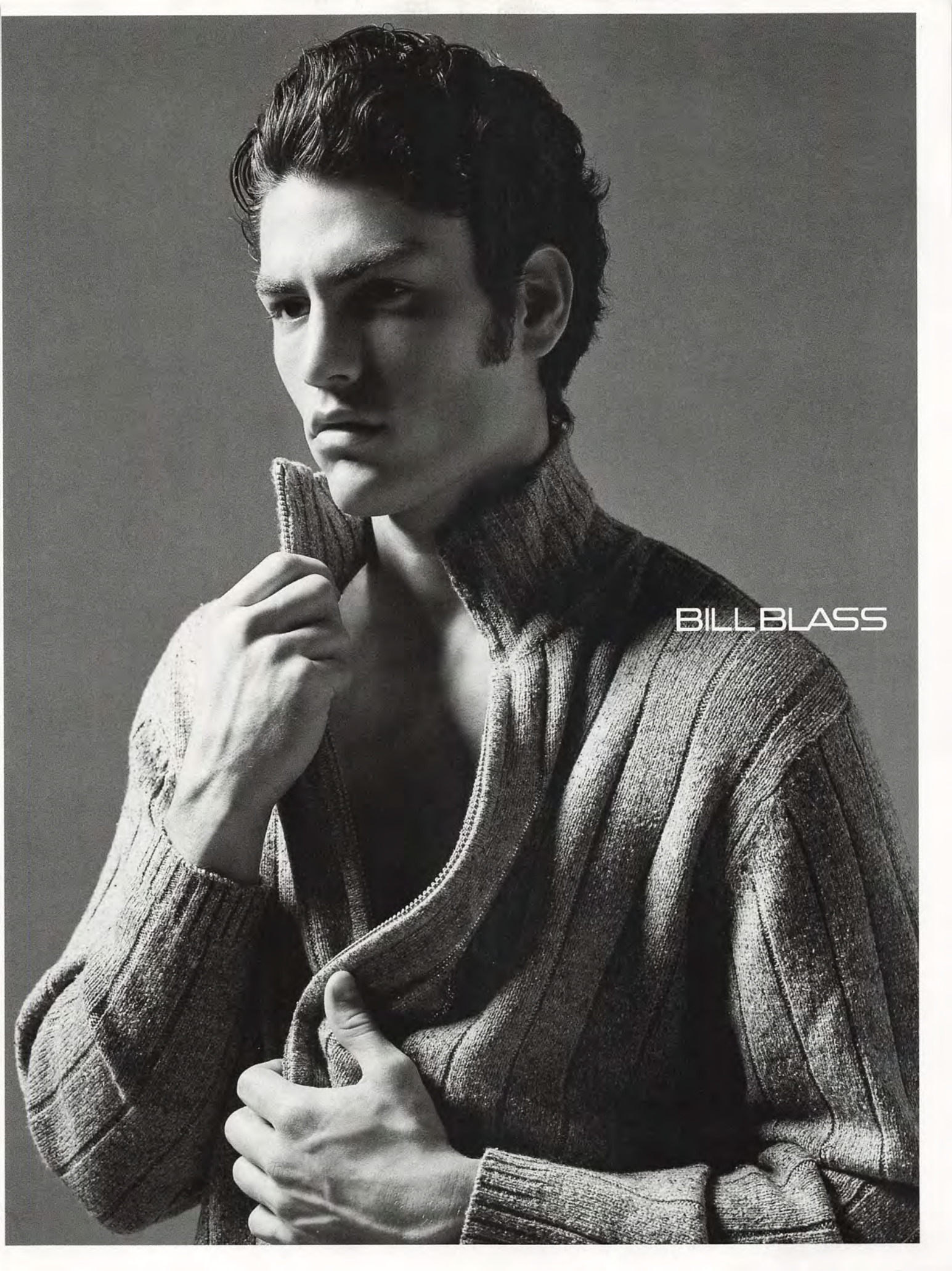
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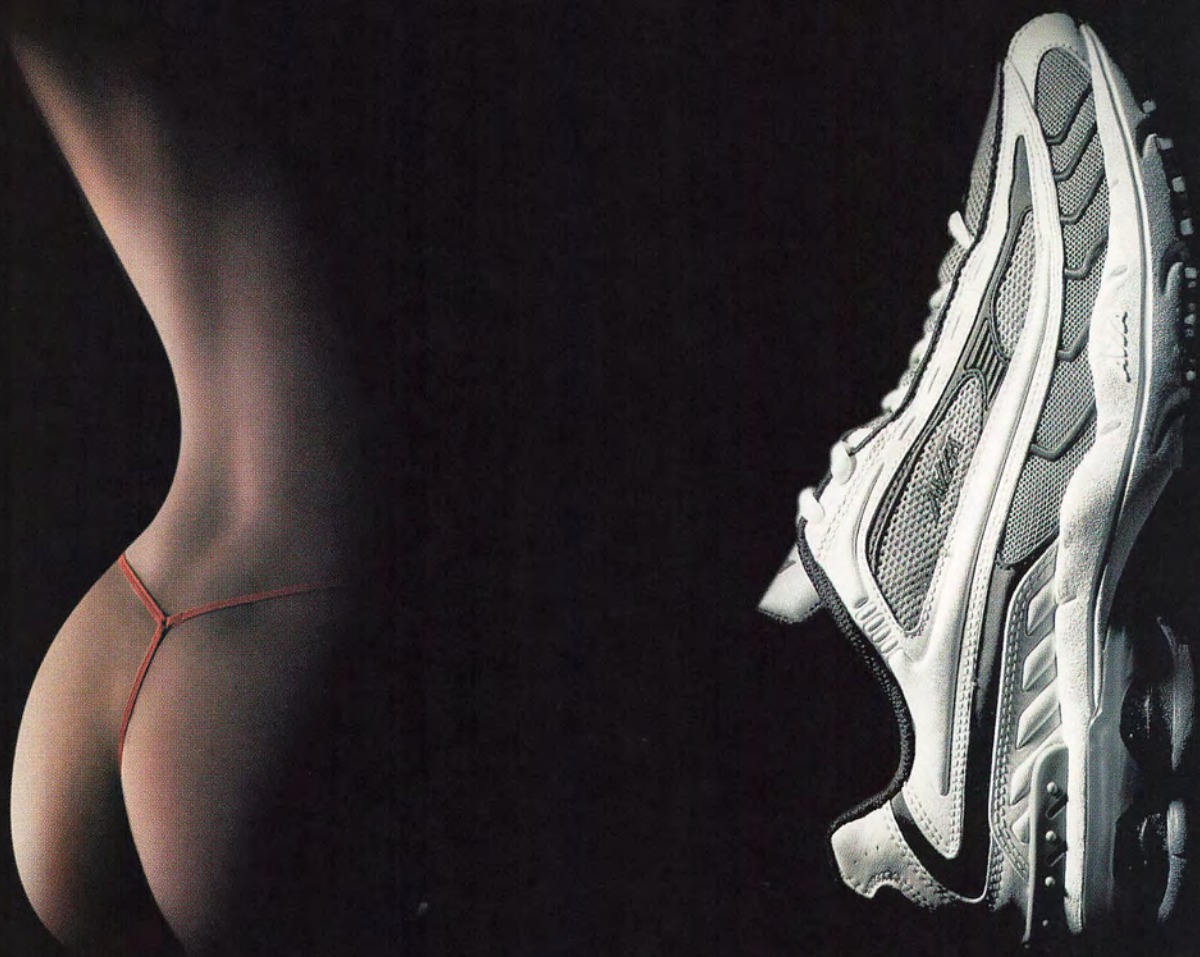






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other gorgeous  
girls of the grid-  
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36...hike!

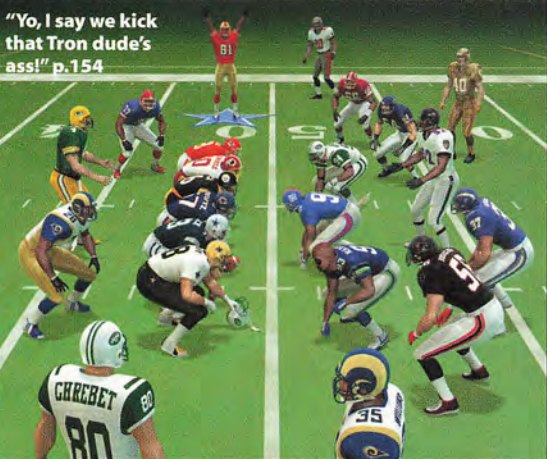
"This is the best  
damn contents  
page, period."  
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You tell him you're  
too busy to read  
his interview, p.156

**THE 2002**  **SMACKDOWN!**



"Hey, do you smell  
Gold Bond?" p.146



"Yo, I say we kick  
that Tron dude's  
ass!" p.154

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est, heartiest-  
partyng  
playahs in the  
NFL. 'Cause  
sometimes just  
kicking ass and  
taking names  
is not enough.

**ALL OVER THE MAP**

**146 CONFERENCE CALL**

Make your NFC and AFC picks yet for the season?  
Smart move. Let that blowhard down at the end of the  
bar go out on a limb—arm yourself with our insider  
info and you can take his money. Legally, this time.

**AUDIBLES**

**148 TALKIN' TRASH**

The NFL's top playmakers, from the 49ers' Terrell Owens  
to the Ravens' Ray Lewis, holler out their uncensored  
views on freak mail, locker room pranks, on-field fights,  
and when and where it's appropriate to hit your mom.

**Jets to  
trophy:  
We miss  
you!  
Come  
home!**

**LADIES' AUXILIARY**

**152 GIRLS OF THE NFL**

Thank you, Dennis Miller, for two memorable  
seasons' worth of irony and erudition. We think  
it's time we turned our attention to hot chicks.  
Meet the sexsational girls of the NFL, whose  
presence makes watching grown men dress in  
costumes and grab each other a lot easier.

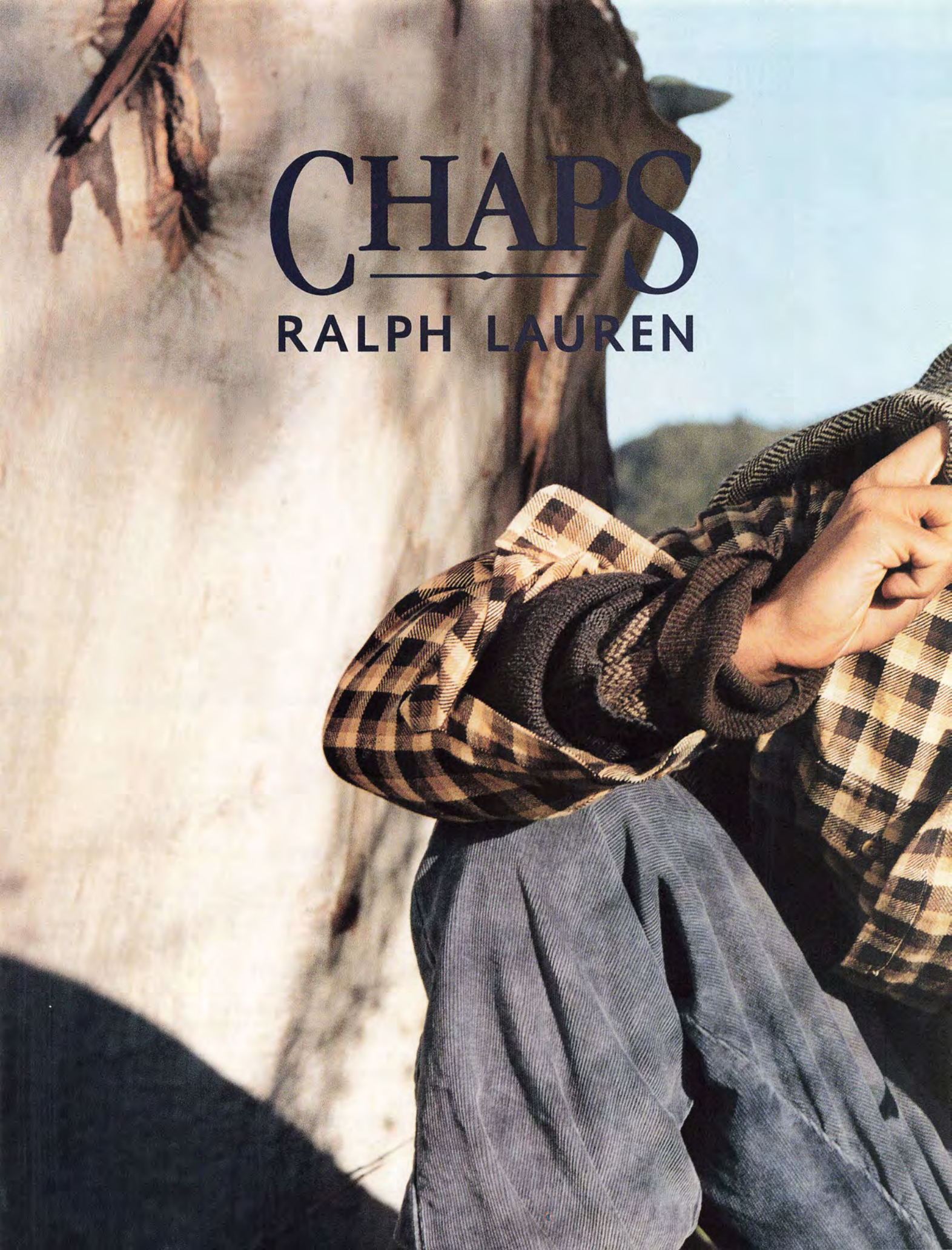
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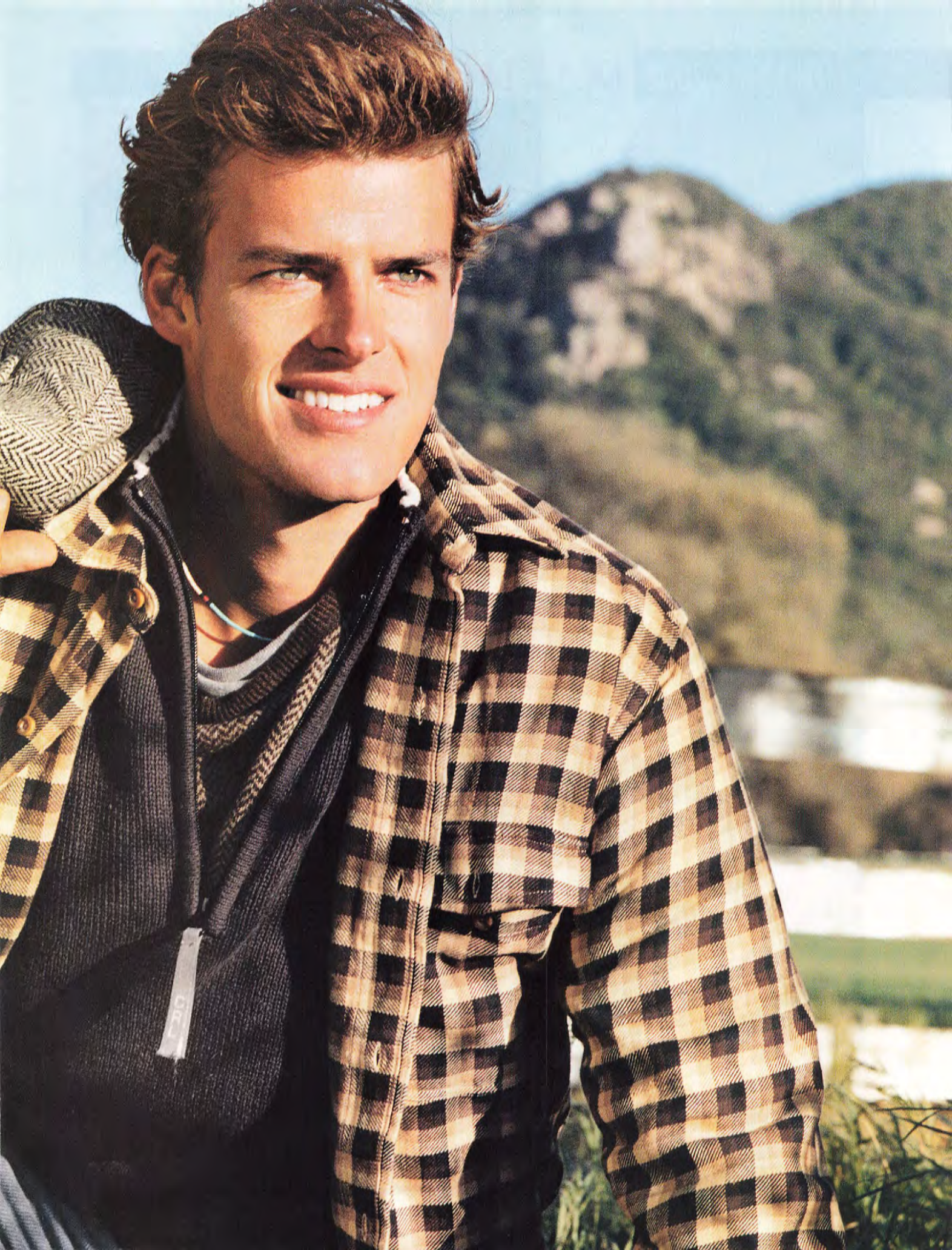


A photograph of a person's arm and torso. They are wearing a brown and black plaid shirt with the sleeves rolled up, revealing a dark grey ribbed sweater underneath. They are also wearing blue denim jeans. The person is leaning against a large, light-colored tree trunk. The background is a clear blue sky.

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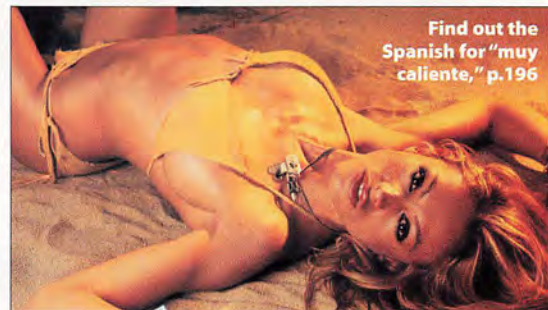


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**COVER GIRL  
LIU WOW!**

There's no ancient Chinese secret to this sexy star's appeal: Lucy Liu is funny, sexy, and—as we've seen in everything from *Charlie's Angels* to *Payback*—able to kick all the ass you got, and then some.

Reach for the ring, but don't fall off the ride! p.132



Find out the Spanish for "muy caliente," p.196



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**WE WANT ANSWERS!**

**130 LL COOL J**

"Jeez, Louise," you're thinking. "LL Cool J is a millionaire rapper-actor-megamogul, and I'm just John Sixpack. What could we possibly have in common?" Read on! You'll see that, like you, Cool has never held a regular job other than a paper route. Small world, huh?

**THE ALL-AMERICAN BIKER WAR**

**170 HELL ON WHEELS**

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**CRACK OPS**

**184 WAR AND PIECE**

She wants to do the dirty stuff. But she doesn't want you to know she wants to do the dirty stuff. And we know you didn't know she doesn't want you to know she wants to do the dirty stuff. You know? A woman's mind is scary, but you have to get in there before she'll let you in anywhere else. Here's how to turn that nice girl in your office into your personal porn puppet.

**PERSONAL BREAST**

**194 ARE YOU A GIRL?**

Psst! Yeah, you, Skeeze! Quick! Strip naked and see if you can count to 21. Still not sure? Take our quiz to figure out whether you're a "buoy" or a "gull" at the seafood restaurant.

**SING SHIFT**

**196 PAULINA RUBIO**

The Latin singing sensation makes a run for the border. These pix clearly show why she's Mexico's hottest import since the fake Rolex.



"Bishop! You dropped something!" p.192



"It won't start. I dunno. Maybe it's the Fetzer valve." p.170



"Hold that pose, honey...nice and natural." p.184

Razor test, p.130



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ROAD TRIP  
FOR TWO**

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Well, the invite did say dress optional, p.86

**Regulars**

Do the "YMCA" dance in Cyrillic, p.98



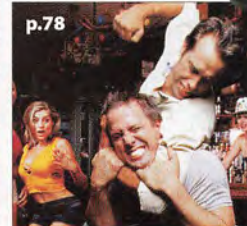
Head case, p.260



"Cocktail? Well, which'll it be?" p.56



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**44 LETTERS**

What's on your mind this month? Sex on a jungle gym, sperm worries, and *Moulin Rouge*! And you wonder why we never answer the phone?



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**52 JOKES**

"So he takes out a miniature piano and a 12-inch pianist..."

**56 CIRCUS MAXIMUS**

Our *Maxim*'s-eye view of the world features weirdo postage stamps, unintentional porn, and true stuff dumb guys think is true. Hey, wait...



"Mmm, taste like my mean uncle," p.67

**78 HOW TO**

Fake a fight, build your own golf course, disasterproof your pad, and put aside those bills forever.

**MAKE VROOM**

**92 THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT MIGHT**

The Mini is a smart, sweet ride. Too bad we can't fit inside it, what with our enormous genitals and all.

**WHAT'S UP, DOC?**

**98 ASK DR. MAXIM**

How can I banish my Clintonian double chin? Are cracking joints a danger sign? And, hey! Where the hell'd my left nut go?



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**OFF THE GRID**

**102 L.A.: THE SCANDAL TOUR!**

What's a vacation without drugs, a suicidal midget, and transvestite hookers? Welcome to the Dream Factory's nightmare side.

**THE EDGE**

**108 BAD MEDICINE**

How not to get screwed when your doctor puts on that one-fingered glove.

**114 HOT ZONE**

A *Sopranos* refresher course, BMX T&A, and Michael Madsen on the 10th anniversary of *Reservoir Dogs*.

**251 TOP GEAR**

Make hooch the way yer grandpappy did! Plus: music download sites and the world's best sammy.

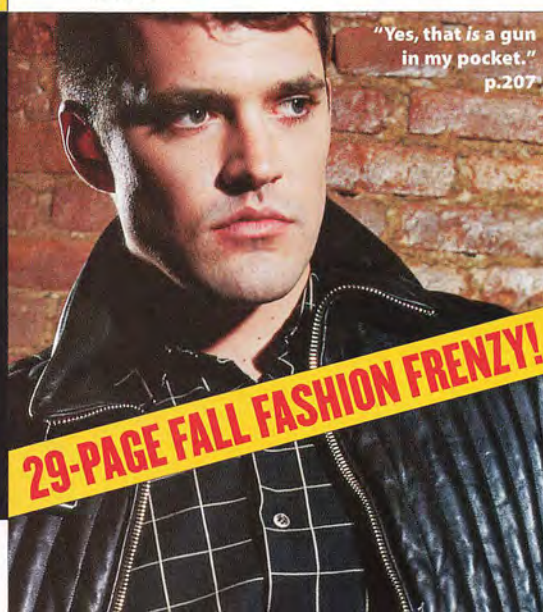
**260 BAR EXAM**

Are you as dumb as we look? Wait—are we as...Oh, screw it.

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**MAXIM FASHION**

Don't get dressed without our fall fashion guide—29 pages of top threads, from power suits to rad rebel wear. Plus: Outdoor gear tougher than Mother Nature!



"Yes, that is a gun in my pocket." p.207

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## Editor's Letter



**Keith Blanchard**  
"A Sex and the City  
marathon? I'm in!"

# Are you ready?

September's here... time to pulverize our enemies on the field of battle.

Er... you know I'm talking about football, right?

It's been exactly a year since those fanatical bastards attacked us, and this thing could spiral into a real war at any time, now that it's football season again. I'm not kidding: War just seems more plausible in the fall, somehow. Remember the Gulf War? It began when Saddam invaded Kuwait in a one-sided preseason matchup (August 2) and swirled into Desert Storm less than two weeks before Super Bowl XXV.

Football vs. war is a juicy old metaphor, but it's more. There's a deep connection barely hinted at by the thousands of trivial parallels. How did Stanford go from the cellar of the Pacific Coast Conference in 1939 to an unbeaten, untied, Rose Bowl-winning season in 1940? By studying the German blitzkrieg, which was concurrently laying waste to France, and adapting it for the gridiron. Recent presidents who played the *real* game include JFK (wide receiver), Nixon (tackle), Reagan (guard), and Gerald Ford (all-star center). Could it be that nostalgia for game-day victories captivates our leaders with dreams of fall battles?

Or am I just out of my gourd?

Whatever nasty surprises (more attacks?) and/or thrilling victories (Saddam's head on a stick?) the real world brings this fall, you can at least gird yourself for metaphorical battle with our blockbuster 17-page NFL blowout (p. 146). We talk to all the playmakers, handicap the playoffs (you'd have made a mint betting our picks last year—no shit), and take you into the locker room with the sexiest female commentators.

On the home front, be safe and be healthy—but keep your eye peeled for trouble. I have a feeling we're not done with these jerkoffs yet.

Enjoy the issue; I'm melting down the goalposts for shell casings.



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## This Month in Maxim

*The cold, hard numbers behind this issue.*



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| Whoppers we're giving away in this month's Letters column                     | 1,825 |
| Cows who have already canceled their subscriptions                            | 6     |
| Jokes sifted through to find nine freshies for the jokes page                 | 250   |
| Avg. Bloodies each staffer drank watching U.S. in World Cup before work       | 4     |
| Times senior editor Charles Coxe was pranked into thinking he'd lost his job  | 1     |
| Price of one cigar featured in this month's Grab Bag                          | \$250 |
| Phillies Blunts associate editor Alex Straus could buy with that money        | 334   |
| Dollars it took for Hiroki to stuff an entire Krispy Kreme donut into his gob | 2     |
| Time, in seconds, before he finally gagged and sprayed donut goo              | 45    |
| Dares received in MaximOnline's "Dare an Editor" contest                      | 1,164 |
| Ratio of life-threatening to merely humiliating dares                         | 6:1   |
| Which side "Go to work dressed as a male figure skater" fell on               | ?     |



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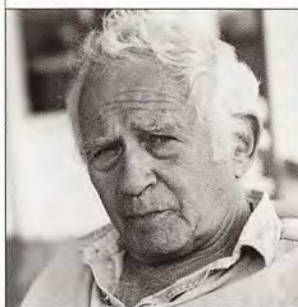
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### WILLIE AAMES

If you're among the righteous who will be saved on Judgment Day, you know TV star **Willie Aames** as the creator and star of the *Bibleman* video series. But surprise: He's also an expert on cold fusion! Read Aames' stirring essay on fusion's promise of a smog-free future in "Up and Atom," p.69.



### JOYCE CAROL OATES

Inarguably one of the most compelling writers of her generation, **Joyce Carol Oates** is, to our delight, also a big fan of fart jokes. Read, consume, enjoy, devour her delightfully bawdy essay "Because It Is Stinky, and Because It Is My Butt," p.98.

### MARTIN VAN BUREN

"Let Tom Cruise mince around with his lipo-suctioned ass," says eighth prez **Martin Van Buren**. "You know how I keep my fanny tight? Lunges!" For emphasis the homeless whack job (modeling track suits on p.246) bounces a quarter off his rump. "Whoops!" he snickers. "Time for my meds!"



### GODZILLA

Known more for leveling cities than for his prose styling, **Godzilla** has nevertheless published several pseudonymous articles for such titles as *Vanity Fair*, *Harper's*, and *The New York Review of Books*. This month he tries his, uh, hand at travel writing in "Gaaah! Grrrrg! Rrrrrg! (Ngaaaah!)," p.102.



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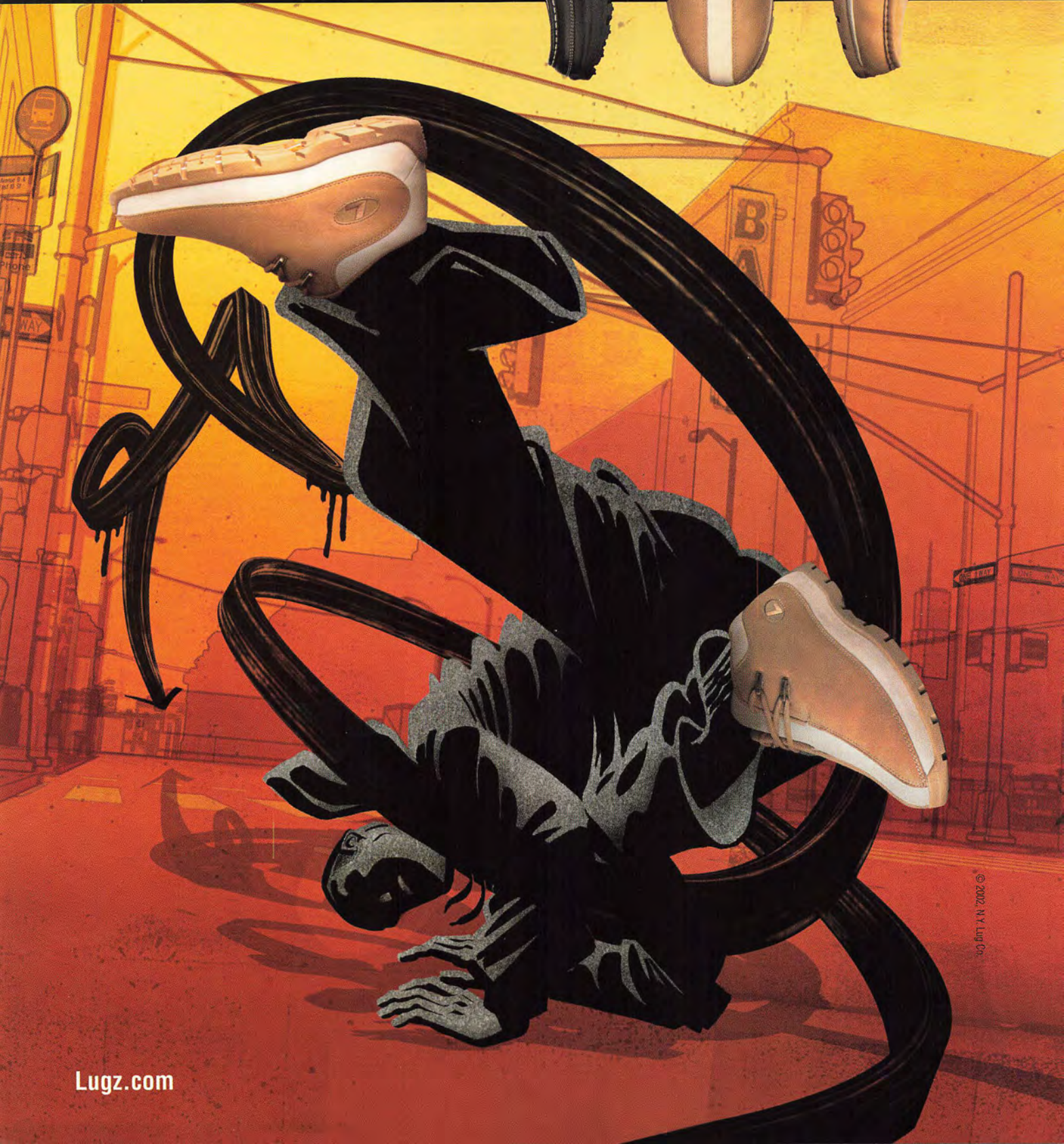
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"Look what those moths did!"

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she is. I don't know if they can all sing, but who the hell cares?

**Michael Ascher**  
Acworth, GA

*No wonder they invented cocaine—who'd want to sleep with all that eye candy walking around?*

## Sexual Fitness

My girl and I really appreciated the different sexual positions featured in "Maxim's Kama Sutra, Part II" [July]. We especially liked your "park bench" technique, which we adapted and tried on a jungle gym. It helped us have the craziest and most exciting sex ever. Thanks!

**Tom M.**  
Via e-mail

*Just promise us you'll never try it on the monkey bars. We've lost too many interns that way.*

## A Hard Day's Night

After reading the "Nine Rockin' Places to Wake Up" list in July's Circus Maximus, I thought I'd suggest another: a bar. After a long night of hard drinking, I fell asleep on the can at my local tavern and woke up three hours later, at 7 A.M. So I filled up my glass, turned on the television, and started drinking again. What do you think of that?

**Myron Walker**  
Via e-mail

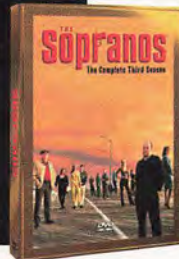
*We thought that name sounded familiar. You might want to type "Bathroom glory hole/priceless" into a search engine. Ouch!*

## Sink Bomb

I just finished reading the "50 Worst Movies of All Time" in the July issue. To my surprise, it didn't include *Titanic*! The film is just a really bad chick flick on steroids, and the only reason it grossed so much is because of all those sad,

WIN A WISE GUY?

If we printed your letter this month, we're sending you *The Sopranos: The Complete Third Season* on DVD. To play, e-mail us at [editors@maxim.com](mailto:editors@maxim.com) or write to Readers' Letters, Maxim, 1040 6th Ave., 16th Floor, NY, NY 10018.



## PUT ME IN MAXIM!

### Catch of the Day

Some of us Pi Kappa Alpha alumni from Southwest Texas State University recently flew to South Beach in Miami and chartered a 50-foot luxury sport fishing boat. I caught a 7'1" sailfish, and my buddy Clint also caught one, but his measured 7'6". So for the remainder of the trip he couldn't stop reminding me that his was a full five inches longer than mine.

**Kevin McGlothlin**  
League City, TX

*Do you remember biting a pillow when he was "reminding" you?*



lonely women who kept seeing it over and over. Am I right or what?

**Jason Ripol**  
Via e-mail

*You must have been up getting popcorn during Kate Winslet's infamous hard-core lesbian scene—it redeemed the whole movie. Oops!*

### Visions of Beauty

How could *Moulin Rouge!* be in your "50 Worst Movies of All Time" feature? I ▶

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**Timmy Rommel**  
Boise, ID

*Ask your dad what porn is, Timmy.*

## Meat Head

You sent a 129-pound vegetarian writer to the World Arm Wrestling Federation World Championship for your July sports column, "Arms Race"? What the hell has gotten into you? I think next year you should send me. I'm a 200-pound prison guard who can bench-press 300 pounds and run a mile in three minutes flat. I've also won every arm-wrestling match my hometown has sponsored because I'm not an anemic weenie who subsists on wheatgrass.

**Ivan the Terrible**  
Via e-mail

*The HR person who let that writer slip by us has since been killed and eaten.*

## Field Report

It was good to see some pictures of our guys in uniform overseas in your Letters section ["The Dogs of War," July]. I'm a sergeant in the military, and each day I lead 60 troops and work 16-hour shifts, so you can imagine how much we all really appreciate your acknowledging the men of the armed forces.

**Joe Rich**  
Via e-mail

*Sure thing, but you gotta keep up your end of the bargain: To date we haven't received one terrorist head for our mantel.*

## Hand-Me-Don'ts

While perusing the road trip article in the July issue ["The Great Maxim Road Trip Contest"], I noticed that a member of your fine staff just happened to be wearing a *Goonies* T-shirt. I would like to buy this fine piece of clothing—name your price.

**David H.**  
Woodbridge, VA

*Sorry, dude, the other staffer in that picture (wearing the Red Wings jersey) ruined that shirt the very next morning when he mistook it for underwear.*

## From Bad to Worse

I was recently a criminal justice major who used to think journalism was just mind-numbing crap. But after I read March's "100 Most Stupidest Things Ever," I realized that my opinions ▶



On its maiden voyage, tragedy struck the flatulence kite

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## JULY'S WINNING CAPTIONS

### Winner:

"So that's where she hangs her keys."

Jason Cook, Via e-mail

### Runners-up:

"Is that a 9 mm Glock in your pocket...?"

Rick Royal, Athol, MA

"Ma'am, could you please turn the high beams down

while in city limits?"

Chris Hohma, Via e-mail

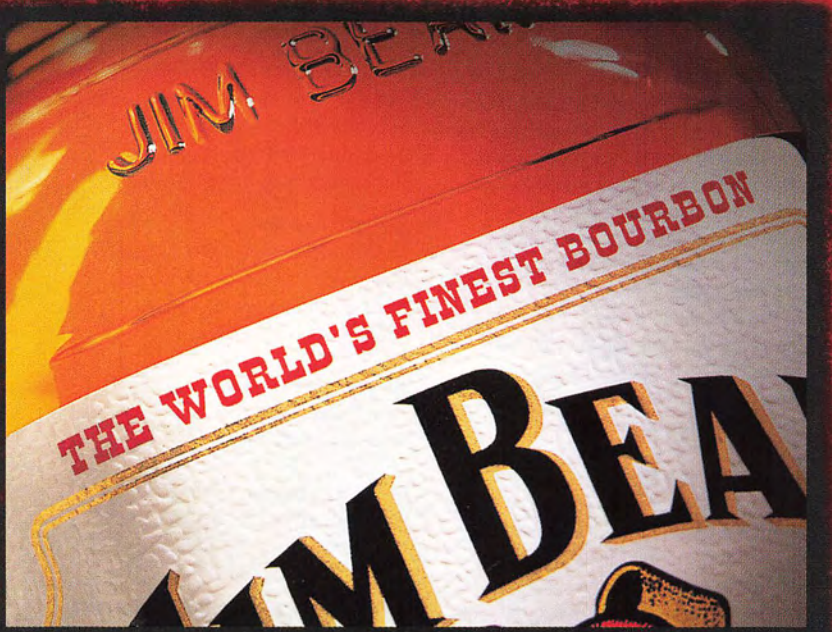
"You have the right to remain topless. Anything we have could be held against you."

Ryan Garrison, Portland, OR

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Jack Wilding, Saratoga, NY





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John Wilding, Via e-mail

### Glossing Things Over

If you get a nick in your car's beautiful finish, grab your girlfriend's clear fingernail polish and paint over the damaged area. The lacquer will keep that small scratch from expanding or rusting, so you can spare yourself an expensive retouch job.

Ken Petersen, Fairview, NJ

### Making It Stick

Screws always rolling off your workbench? Stick a piece of double-sided tape to your table and place whatever you want on the patch of adhesive. That means less time looking for all those &\$#!@\*! lost parts and more time for fixing up that tricycle.

Marcus Filmore, Seattle, WA

### Dog Wash

Does your mutt like to chew on electrical cords? Using a sponge, rub the unplugged wires with liquid dishwashing detergent. Let dry and jack them back in. The next time he gets the urge to nibble, the chemical taste will keep Fido from turning into a well-done chili dog.

Maurice White, Philadelphia, PA

### Iced Out

To cure hiccups, put an ice cube on either side of your Adam's apple, then gradually move the cubes farther out to the sides of your neck. The cold will zap the nerve signals that cause all those annoying convulsions. Sounds like a stupid old wives' tale, but it works.

Bob Jones, Mahwah, NJ

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were similar to yours, and I decided to switch my major to journalism.

Brian Krans  
Winona, MN

What a weird coincidence: Switching your major to journalism was Bad Idea #101.

### The New Classics

Your feature "Dollapalooza" [July] showcasing all the babes of rock and pop is a true piece of art. I still can't get over the photo of J.Lo in that Princess Leia-type outfit. Now if you could put Britney in a tube top and a pair of Daisy Dukes, I'd be a completely satisfied customer.

Craig Waltz  
Via e-mail

Thanks for the contest idea, Craig. We'll award \$500 to the girl who sends in the sexiest picture of herself in cutoff jeans. Contest rules are on page 258.

### Going With the Flow

Your feature "Shallow Graves" [June] about the Green River killer was shocking. The cops nabbed the suspected killer twice and, despite his violent history, let him go until nearly two decades later. There must be a lot of sickos in Washington State if his kind of behavior—picking up women and choking them—didn't raise any red flags.

Josh Wayland  
Via e-mail

Washington, D.C.: same problem.

### Cure for What Ails You

I'm an American living in Jakarta, Indonesia, and I recently contracted a tropical disease called the dengue virus after I was bitten by a mosquito. Dengue can put a person out for six months. But thanks to back issues of Maxim I got better in less than two weeks, just in time for my college graduation.

Dane Vahey  
Via e-mail

Maxim: Recommended by four of out five quacks. FDA approval pending.

### Blown to Pieces

Your July piece "How to Survive a Nuclear War" gave great advice on living through nuclear fallout. Should that fateful day ever arrive, I'm glad to

## CURT SCHILLING'S BAT!



We offered the Louisville Slugger Curt was holding in our June issue to the reader with the best idea for filling the hole. Here's the play at the plate...

### The game-winner:

Tissues for each and every crybaby player who complains about not getting paid enough.

Mike O'Keefe, Gunderland, NY

### Just outside the strike zone:

John Kruk's missing nut.

Kevin Scott, Via e-mail

Bud Selig's toupee, representing what a phony he is and how he's destroying the game of baseball.

Nick Miller, Cincinnati, OH

know that I have not only a shelter in the mountains of Montana to run to but also some important skills to make it there. However, one thought has been plaguing me: What do I do if I start pissing blood and my hair begins falling out? Please advise.

Ron Kocheck  
Via e-mail

Our instincts tell us that you should go to a strip bar—it worked for Grandpa!

### Things to Come

I really dug reading "How to Sell Your Body" to science [July]. But what I want to know is, if I donate my sperm, will I ever have to worry that one day some 18-year-old kid will come knocking on my door looking for his real daddy to pay for college?

Marty Mathers  
Via e-mail

Given your sperm's genetic background, isn't "to bail him out" a bit more likely? M

Correction: On page 178 of MaximWear [August 2002], we inadvertently transposed the photographs of the David Ash and the Diesel cuffs. All apologies.



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## Food for Thought

**Q:** Why did the redneck plant Cheerios in his garden?

**A:** He thought they were donut seeds.  
—Zaid Rodriguez, Aurora, IL

## Strangers in the Night

A man's walking late at night when he sees a woman in the shadows.

"Twenty bucks," she says.

He's never been with a hooker before, so he decides what the hell. They're going at it for a minute when all of a sudden a light flashes on them—it's a police officer.

"What's going on here, people?" asks the officer.

"I'm making love to my wife," he answers indignantly.

"Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't know."

"Well, neither did I until you shined that light in her face."

—Jeff Williams, McAlester, OK

## The Word of the Lord

The pope is working on a crossword puzzle and asks his assistant, "Can you think of a four-letter word for 'one type of woman' that ends in u-n-t?"

"How about aunt?" says the assistant.

"Oh, yeah," says the pope. "You got an eraser?"

—Fred Fiorentini, Maple Heights, OH

## Nothing More Than Feelings

An old couple is watching a religious service on television. The evangelist says that anybody who has an ailment they want healed need only place one hand on the TV and the other hand on the afflicted area.

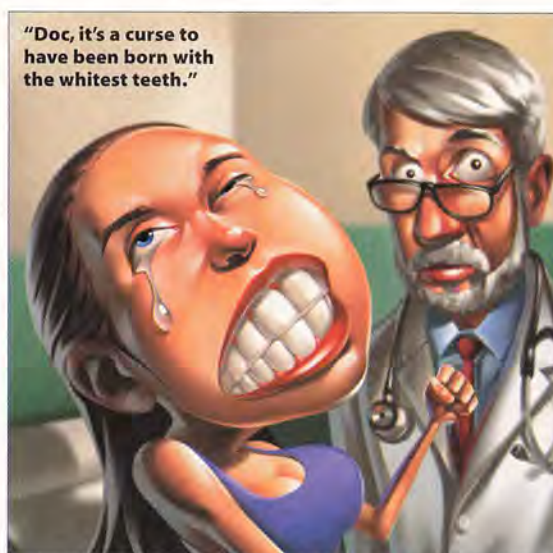
So the old man slowly gets up and places his right hand on the set and then places his left hand on his crotch.

"Hey, stupid," growls his wife. "The preacher said he could heal the sick, not raise the dead."

—Shelley Dye, Port Richey, FL

## Farm Aid

A farmer is arrested on charges of bestiality and thrown in jail. "Don't worry,"



says his court-appointed attorney. "I know how to pick a good jury."

When the trial starts, the farmer's neighbor testifies that he saw the farmer mount a goat, and that after climaxing the goat turned around and licked the farmer's balls.

The farmer cringes in his chair as intense muttering breaks out among the jurors.

"Quiet!" admonishes the judge.

"You're not supposed to talk to one another until deliberation."

"Sorry, your honor," says the jury foreman. "We were just saying how a good goat will do that for ya every time."

—Len Persitz, St. Louis Park, MN

## Bad Medicine

One night a husband walks out of the bathroom naked, climbs into bed, and starts putting the moves on his wife.

"Sorry, honey," she says. "I have a headache."

"Perfect," he says. "I just powdered my penis with aspirin. You want it orally or as a suppository?"

—Anthony Sarate, via e-mail

## Doggy-Style

**Q:** What do you do when a Doberman pinscher starts humping your leg?

**A:** Let him finish.

—James Solomon, Houston, TX

## Road Age

An old couple driving down the road gets pulled over by a police officer. The cop walks up to the old man and asks for his license.

## THE \$150 JOKE



### Beauty Pains

A brunette goes into the doctor's office and says that her body hurts wherever she touches it.

"That's odd," says the doctor. "Show me what you mean."

The woman touches her elbow and screams in agony. She then touches her knee and screams, then pushes on her ankle and screams.

"You're not really a brunette, are you?" asks the doctor.

"Why, no, I'm actually a blonde," she answers.

"I thought so," he says. "Your finger's broken."

—Holly Polski, West St. Paul, MN

"What's that he said?" asks his wife. "He wants to see my driver's license," shouts the husband.

The cop looks at the license and says, "Billings, Montana. I had the worst piece of ass of my life in Billings, Montana."

"What's that he said?" asks the wife.

The husband shouts, "He says he knows you!"

—Delbert Skidmore, Havre, MT

### Blind Man's Bluff

A lady in a sporting goods store is looking for a fishing pole for her husband's birthday. She finds one and asks the clerk how much it costs.

"I'm blind," he says. "Can you tell me what model it is?"

"It's the Dura-Pole," she answers.

"That'll be \$22."

The lady agrees to buy it. But as she bends down to get the wallet out of her bag, she accidentally rips a fart. The guy doesn't say anything, so she decides to ignore it.

"OK, that'll be \$27.50," says the clerk.

"But you said \$22," replies the lady.

"Yes, ma'am. That's \$22 for the pole, \$3.50 for the stink bait, and \$2 for the duck call."

—Erica M., Webster, TX

### From Here to Eternity

An ant and an elephant share a night of romance. The next morning the ant wakes up and finds the elephant dead.

"Damn," says the ant, "one evening of passion and I spend the rest of my life digging a frickin' grave."

—V.M. Moss, San Francisco, CA

**Q: What happens when a lawyer takes Viagra?  
A: He grows taller.**









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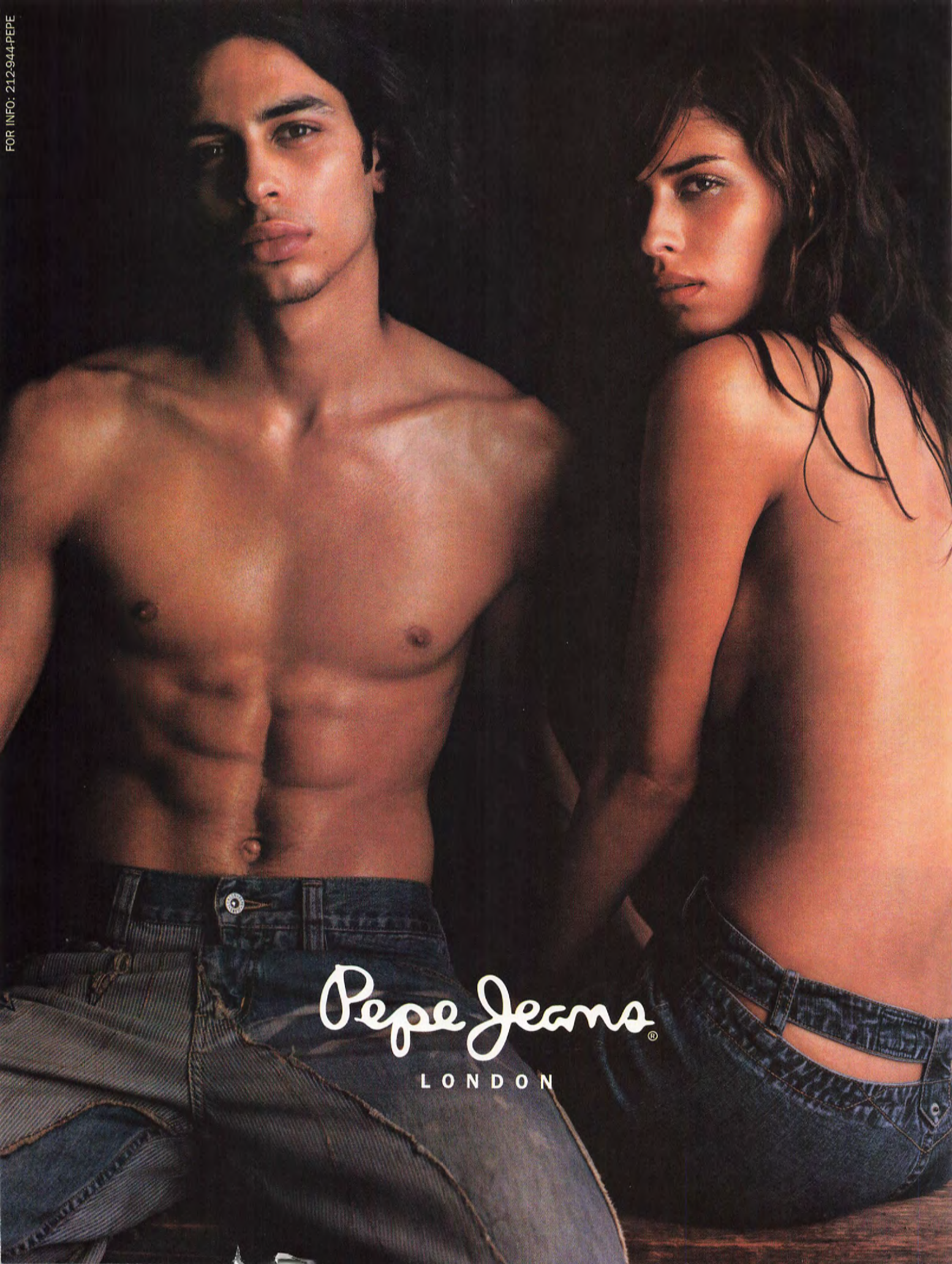


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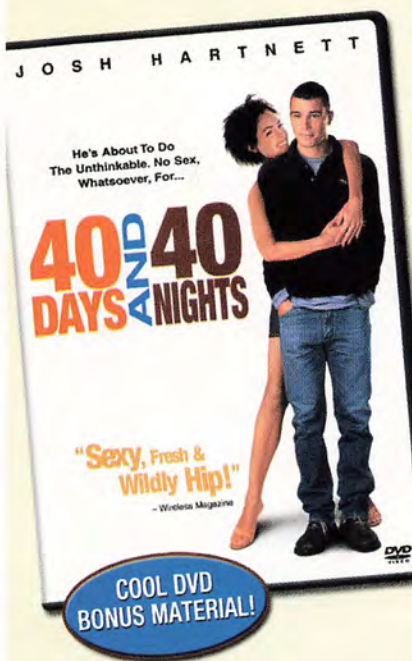
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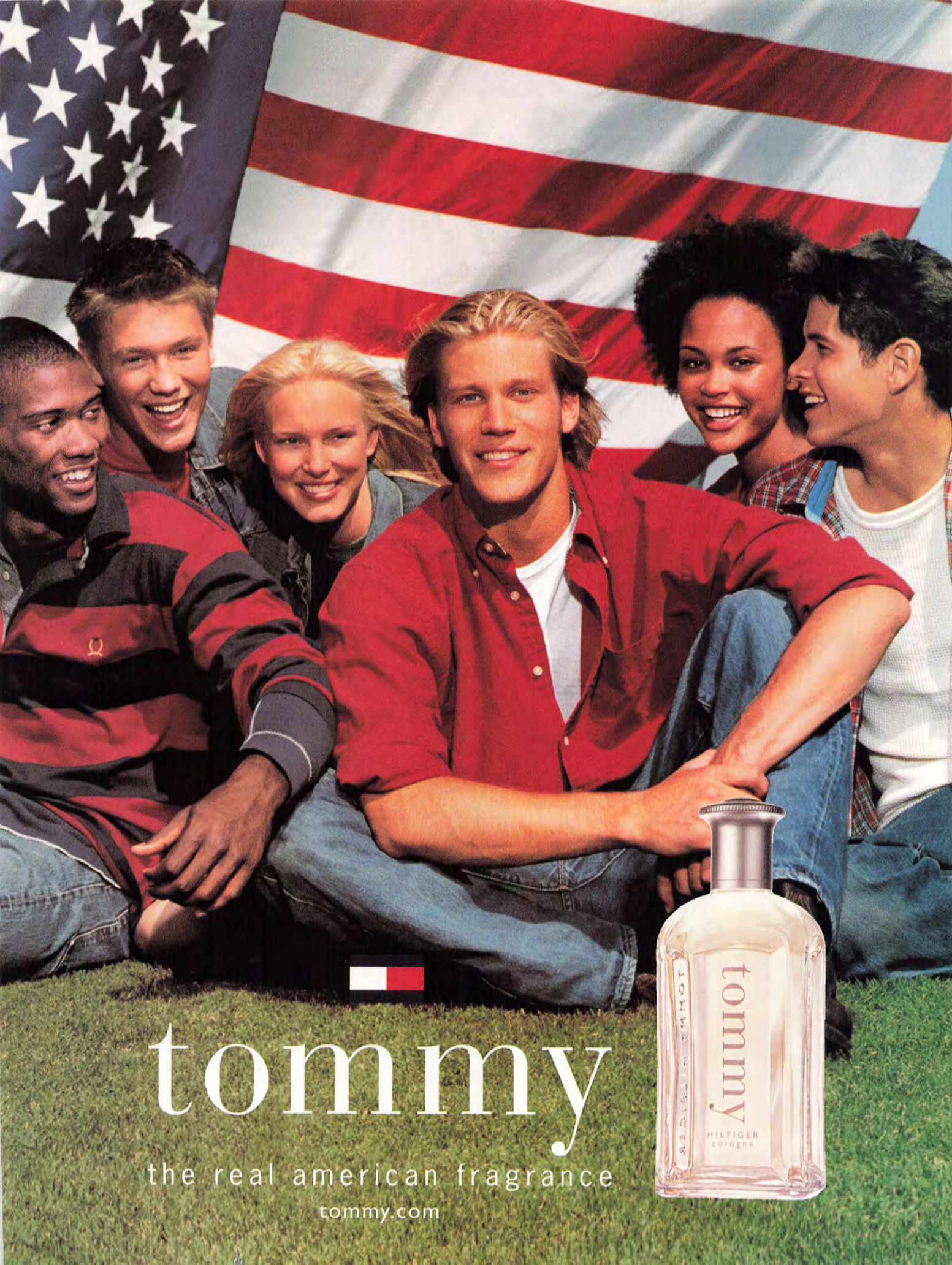
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▲ **RUNNER-UP:**

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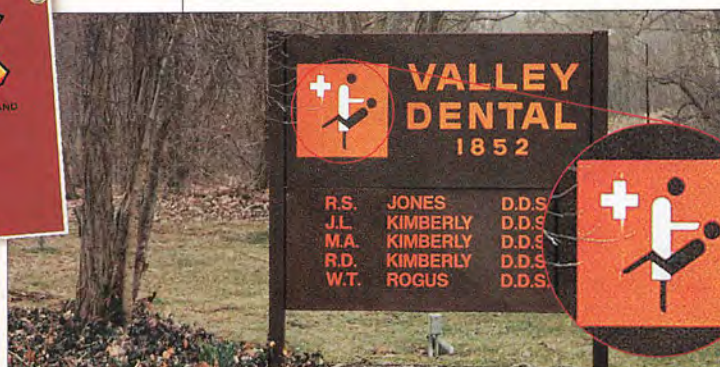


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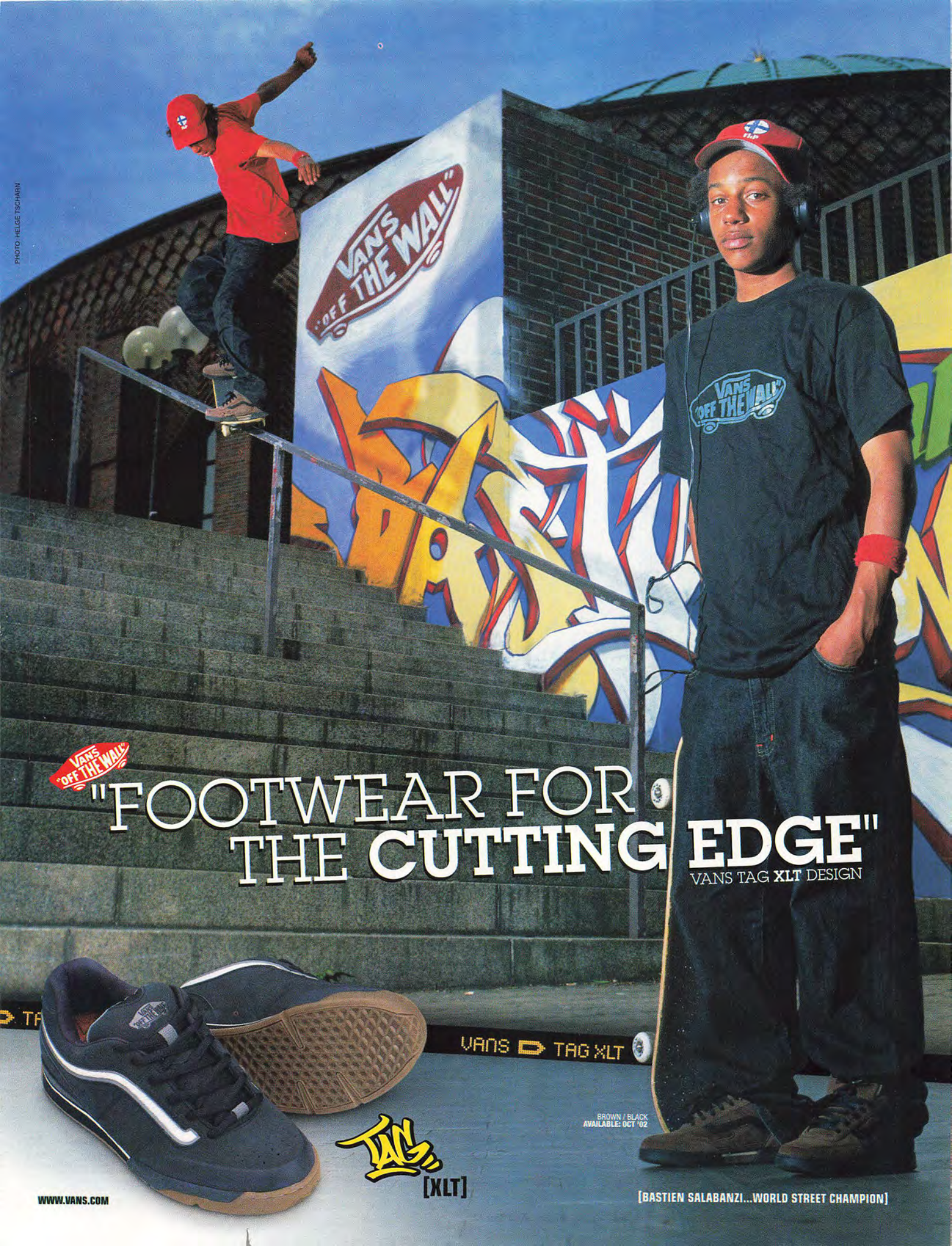
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# LEMONS FRESH

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**Better known as:** The sweet tart behind Tommy Hilfiger's new fragrance for women, T Girl.

**Her story:** Most people look like drooling mutants when they're at the dentist. Model Amy Lemons, on the other hand, looks like...well, a model. "I was getting my braces adjusted when a scout who happened to be in the office approached me," says the toothsome 20-year-old. "I'm surprised she was interested. I was *not* a cute sight." Although her father, a Virginia Supreme Court judge, had some, ahem, objections, Amy was soon featured in the Abercrombie & Fitch catalog. More high-profile gigs followed, and, not coincidentally, Amy had to amend her tomboy ways. "I'm definitely a guy's girl," she points out unnecessarily. "When I was younger, I had a buzz haircut and always hung out with guys; they saw me as another boy. Now when I go home and see



Towel girl

those friends...well, it's pretty funny." If by "it's pretty funny" she means "the fact that they ignored me way back when will haunt them forever," we're sure they'd agree.



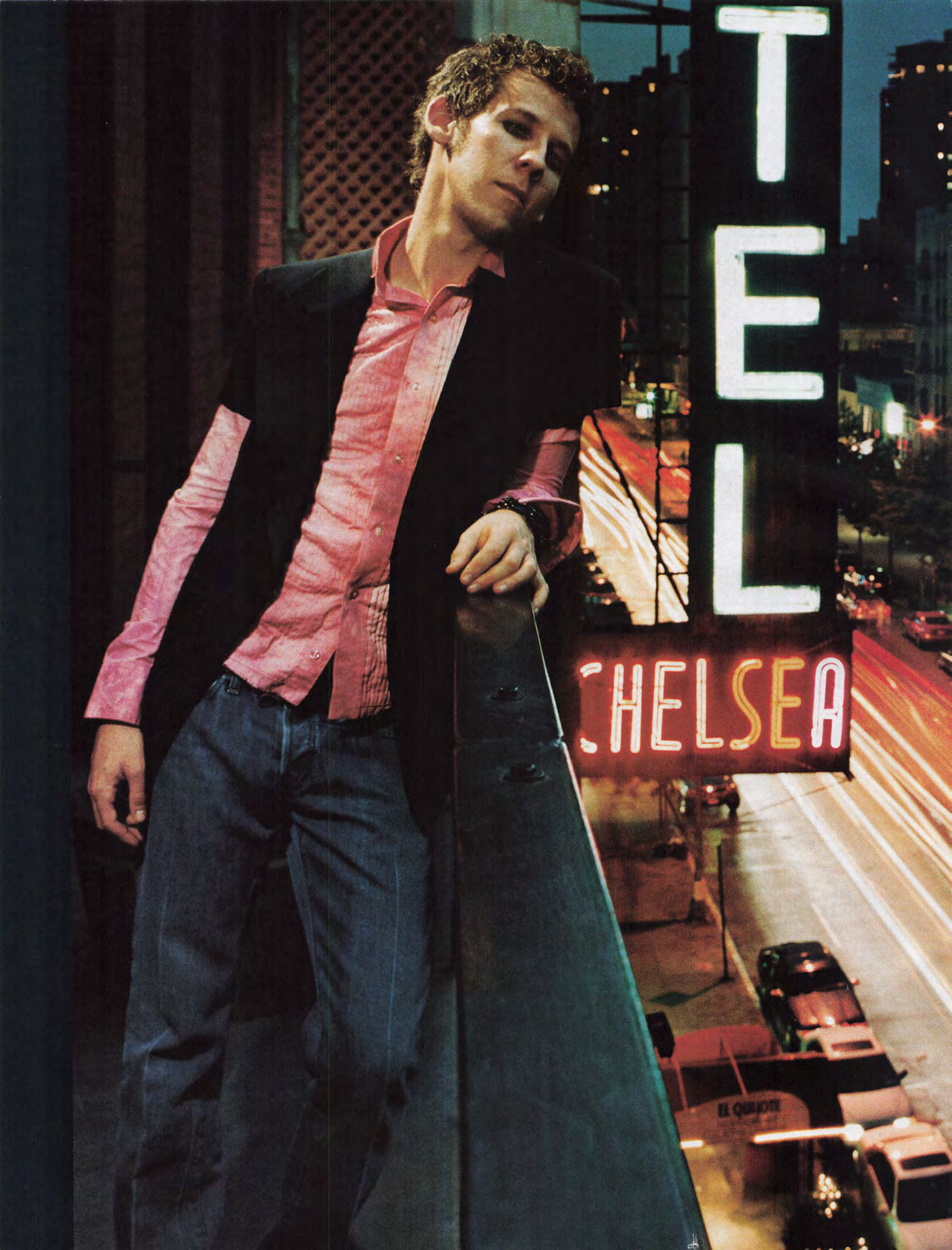
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“TO BE A MUSICIAN, you’re kind of frowned upon — it’s not seen as legitimate work,” says Ben Lee.

The Australian singer-songwriter is only 23, so he seems to have come to such a hard-bitten conclusion at a rather young age. But then, he gained his first taste of international acclaim as the 13-year-old leader of punk-pop quartet Noise Addict. By his late teens, Lee had relocated to the United States, where he recorded three indie-pop gems: 1995’s *Grandpaw Would*, 1997’s *Something to Remember Me By* and 1999’s *Breathing Tornados*.

Given his reputation, it’s not too surprising when Lee confesses, “I can be a little precocious and arrogant.” Nonetheless, he claims to enjoy the collaborative process in the studio, recruiting guests including Phantom Planet’s Jason Schwartzman to work on his forthcoming new record. While the as-yet-untitled album will boast a dance beat or two, Lee’s muse is influenced far more by the rich vein of bohemia that flourished in New York City in the late ’60s and early ’70s.

“What that era brought to popular music was a license to be imperfect,” he says, “but also seedy and sexual and sordid. It’s done wonderful things for all of us.”

The singer’s admiration does, however, have its limits.

“I’ve encountered a certain nostalgia for New York’s bohemian history that goes inherently against the beauty of living in New York,” he says. “To be nostalgic for another time in New York is to want to control a city that can’t be controlled. I have reverence for that time, but not nostalgia. I never want to live in any other time than right now.”

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T H E

LOUNGE

The Donnas, from left:  
Torry Castellano, Brett  
Anderson, Maya Ford,  
Allison Robertson



# D O N N A S

FOR THOSE ABOUT TO ROCK . . .  
THE DONNAS HAVE BEATEN YOU TO IT

IF ANY BAND is happy to inhabit the spirit — not to mention the clothes — of old-fashioned, no-frills rock, it's the Donnas. Even though the four only recently reached drinking age (an event marked by last year's *The Donnas Turn 21*), they've been playing their signature old-fashioned, no-frills metal for a decade, ever since they first got together as junior-high students.

"There were all these guy bands that were going to play a show at school," remembers singer Brett Anderson (a.k.a. Donna A). "We thought there needed to be a girl band. We played four songs. It was definitely scary to get onstage. I mean, I was only 13. Were we well-received? Not really. It wasn't cool to like us."

"People at school began to start rumors," adds guitarist Allison Robertson (Donna R). "They said we were lesbians, that we were on heroin."

Four albums later, however, the joke is on the band's former tormentors.

"Actually, I think they're still laughing at us," Robertson says. "People are always saying, 'Don't you think everybody in your high school feels bad and wants to be your friend now?' There are a few people who come to the shows. But a lot of them still think we're big dorks."

Who, then, makes up the Donnas' principal fan base?

"We have a lot of fans in jail," Anderson confesses. "They want presents. Like . . . our underwear."

Sadly, the band's incarcerated supporters will have to be content with a new album, which the Donnas are currently recording for release later this year. Anderson won't discuss the record, but she's happy to confirm that the Donnas don't intend to jump on the increasingly crowded nü-metal bandwagon.

"I do not like nü-metal," she says dismissively. "It sounds too overproduced. When you make it that computerized, it can't sound heavy — it sounds metallic, but it's not metal. Everybody says rock is coming back because boy bands are wearing metal T-shirts and other groups are dressing up like hair-metal bands. What they mean is that the style's coming back. It's just fashion. Rock is rock. It never went away."

The Donnas are wearing Levi's® Superlow Jeans. Allison and Maya are also wearing the Sawtooth Shirt, Brett is wearing the Levi's® Premium Easy Rider Jacket and Torry is wearing the Wing Tee



# PHANT

“MY PERSONAL TASTE is definitely [★] for songs and melodies — I like it tight, I like a good rock song,” says Phantom Planet’s Jason Schwartzman. “I think the British have kept that torch alight. What’s really great about those bands from the ‘60s and ‘70s is that they would record an album and get it out there immediately. Some of those groups put out two records a year!”

It’s not surprising that the drummer loves songs and melodies, given that Phantom Planet’s new album, *The Guest*, is stuffed to its guitar-rock gills with memorable tunes, particularly the joyously anthemic single “California.” On the other hand, there’s seemingly little chance that the quintet will release two albums a year anytime soon, given the four-year gap between *The Guest* and its predecessor, *Phantom Planet Is Missing*, their 1998 debut. It would be easy — but also incorrect — to assume that the band’s extracurricular activities (both Schwartzman and singer/guitarist Alex Greenwald have burgeoning film careers) caused the delay.

“The truth is, there was a huge merger with our record company,” says Schwartzman, 22. “It was a crazy time for a band trying to emerge through all that conflict and chaos. No one was around to work on our record, because no one knew if they were going to have a job the next day. The next four years were a process of finding a new label. We just had to keep focused and keep rocking.”

Their determination has been rewarded with a barrage of positive reviews for *The Guest* and a series of prestigious supporting slots.

“It’s been amazing,” says a delighted Schwartzman. “We came from playing small clubs, and now sometimes I look up and Alex is, like, 20 feet away!”

But will we have to wait another four years for the next Phantom Planet album?

“No!” Schwartzman states firmly. “At least . . . I hope not.”



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# COMPLAINT

THE LOS ANGELES-BASED QUINTET'S

JASON SCHWARTZMAN EXPLAINS WHY

VINTAGE BRITROCK IS BEST



Phantom Planet, from left:  
Sam Farrar, Darren Robinson,  
Jacques Brautbar, Alex  
Greenwald and  
Jason Schwartzman



# N A P P Y

“WE’VE BEEN IN the kitchen cooking this up for a long time,” says Nappy Roots rapper Scales of the band’s major-label debut. “It’s a Sunday meal, as opposed to fast food. I don’t expect you to eat it real quick.”

It seems appropriate, therefore, that the album is called *Watermelon, Chicken & Gritz*. You don’t need to be in Nappy Roots’ company for long to figure out that the sextet is obsessed with all things culinary.

“Food’s what we all have in common,” Scales says.

Actually, there seems to be very little that’s common about a rap act whose chosen Levi’s look is a celebration of old-school reggae style, and who met at the decidedly un-hip-hop Western Kentucky University.

“It was hard to get a record contract coming from Kentucky,” recalls Scales (full name Fish Scales, real name Melvin Adams). “They barely know that black people live in Kentucky. People have a lot of stereotypes: ‘Do y’all wear shoes? Do y’all ride horses?’ In Kentucky, we didn’t hear none of the new styles. Everything we made was what we conjured up out of our heads.”

That conjuring is paying off — *Watermelon* is already certified gold. That’s a big relief to the group; Scales jokes that they’ve subsisted on “a hundred bucks a year” since they signed to Warner Bros. in 1998.

“It was very frustrating,” the rapper admits. “There was a period when we were on the shelf with Atlantic Records and we had no kind of income. We had to depend on each other. That’s what made Nappy Roots what it is. That’s why we’re so tight. We went through the struggle and depended on one another.”

And cooked for one another as well?

“Man, I can’t cook,” Scales says, laughing. “But I can eat. I can eat *real* good.”



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# ROOTS

THEY LOVE RAP, REGGAE STYLE — AND LOTS AND LOTS TO EAT



Nappy Roots, from left:  
Ron Clutch, Scales,  
B. Stille, Skinny Deville,  
Big V and R. Prophet



Quarashi, from left:  
Hössi Olafsson,  
Sölvi Blöndal,  
Ómar Swarez and  
Steini Fjølsted







PROPHETS, THE SAYING GOES, are never honored in their own countries. Nor, it seems, are Icelandic hip-hop acts.

"We've been getting a great response from American audiences — much better than from Icelandic ones," says Hössi Olafsson, rapper and singer with Quarashi, Iceland's most notable hip-hop band (yes, the country has more than one).

"American audiences are much more into music," Olafsson continues. "In Iceland, they're just there to drink."

Not that Quarashi are teetotaling types. In fact, the band's producer/drummer, Sölvi Blondal, met rapper Steini Fjølsted (a former Icelandic skateboarding champion) in the mid-'90s while cleaning up a local park as penance for public drunkenness. With third rapper Omar Swarez onboard, the four began constructing their own electronica- and rock-inflected take on the old-school rap they had listened to and loved while growing up.

"A lot of artists are ripping off rap-rock or rap-metal," Blondal says. "But you can't forget that there was some good music being made in rap's early days — music that changed my life, in fact."

Quarashi's first two albums both went gold in Iceland — although to do so, they had to sell only 5,000 copies.

"Yeah," Olafsson says. "But 5,000 units in Iceland is equivalent to 5 million in America."

Ah, yes, America: the country where Quarashi are gaining a significant following, thanks to their new album, *Jinx*, and its pummeling lead single, "Stick Em Up." *Jinx* also contains the first rap song ever recorded entirely in Icelandic. Surely that garnered the band a modicum of respect in its homeland?

"No, not really," Olafsson says with a sigh. "Icelandic people are very proud — they don't turn their heads when someone famous walks down the main street. Also, there are only 280,000 people in Iceland. So everybody knows everybody anyway."



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# T W E E T

SOUL-LOVING SONGBIRD DOESN'T CARE HOW MANY DIAMONDS YOU HAVE ON YOUR WRIST



“I’VE DEFINITELY BEEN surprised by all this success,” admits Tweet, R&B’s latest chart-conquering sensation. “I didn’t go into the studio expecting to have a lot of people appreciate the music. I was just speaking from the heart, not letting anyone stop me from saying what I want to say. Maybe in these times, people want artists like that.”

There doesn’t seem to be any “maybe” about it: Her debut, *Southern Hummingbird*, has gone gold. The album finds the Rochester, New York, native saying what she wants to say about everything from unfaithful lovers (“Motel”) to the pros and cons of seeing life through the bottom of a bottle (“Wasted”). Having already spawned the R&B number 1 “Oops (Oh My),” the result is simultaneously state-of-the-art and strongly reminiscent of soul’s ’70s golden age.

“The ’70s are definitely an inspirational time to me,” admits the singer. “Anything that

was going on in the ’70s, I still go back to that. Music was about *music* back then, not how many diamonds you have on your wrist.”

Before she recorded *Southern Hummingbird*, the singer “wasted” six years with an all-girl band that broke up in 2000 without releasing an album.

“There was definitely a point when I thought I was never going to make it,” says Tweet, who admits that in her darkest moments, she contemplated suicide. These days, however, her biggest problem is figuring out which country singer she’s going to collaborate with.

Sorry, *country singer*?

“I would have no problem doing country,” she says. “Music is just music. We would come together and make something fantastic.”

And you could wear a rhinestone outfit.

“What’s that? A rhinestone catsuit, did you say?” Tweet laughs. “Now, *that* would be cool.”

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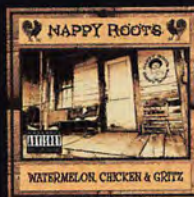
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Groomer: Kim McDonough  
Prop Stylist: Ariana Salvato/  
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NAPPY ROOTS  
WATERMELON,  
CHICKEN & GRITZ  
ATLANTIC, 2002



★ Stylist: April Johnson/  
Independent NY  
Groomer: Debi Ford



PHANTOM PLANET  
THE GUEST  
EPIC, 2002



★ Location: Moschini  
Productions,  
www.moschinipro.com  
Stylist: April  
Johnson/Independent NY  
Groomer: Nikki  
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Prop Stylist: Ariana  
Salvato/Faucher Artists



QUARASHI  
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TIME BOMB/COLUMBIA, 2002



★ Location: Sources Location  
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celestineagency.com  
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TWEET  
SOUTHERN  
HUMMINGBIRD  
GOLDMIND/ELEKTRA, 2002





He couldn't decide whether he was coming or going

## FOOTSIE ROLL

Ya put yer right foot in, ya put yer right foot...ow! Motherf—

**Football players** are supposed to be tough—they don't quit, man. So how to explain Steeler Destry Wright, who inexplicably took a bench—OK, a stretcher cart—after this play? As a star running back at Jackson State, Wright broke the career rushing record once held by Walter Payton, running like a man possessed (of two unfractured legs) for 4,050 yards in just three seasons. But as an undrafted free-agent rookie in Steelers training camp, Wright was trying to earn the third-string running back spot in a preseason laugh-off vs. the lowly Dallas Cowboys. Tackled on a routine run around the left end, his knee was snapped backward, dislocating his

ankle and breaking his right fibula like a Snickers bar. "It's pretty bad, unfortunately," said Steelers coach Bill Cowher. "He was a great kid. He was working his tail off." Wright's job moonlighting as a pogo stick tester is likewise in jeopardy.



"Yo, morphine man! Over here."



4/5

Ratio of six-year-olds who said the new Cap Candy booger-flavored jelly beans taste like the real McCoy.

## VENGEANCE IS THINE!

Don't get mad—get E-ven.

[thepayback.com](http://thepayback.com)

**Service:** Dumping her on her birthday wasn't enough? Thepayback offers comeuppances from a \$12 halitosis package (toothpaste, mouthwash) to a screw-you box of melted chocolates at \$25. Our fins-down favorite is the dead fish (\$20). But why not buy your own fish and save \$18? That fish doesn't have a Web site!

**Will he be sorry?** Maybe. But if he's Italian with a big "family," think twice about the dead fish. In fact, just forget the guy took your parking space.

[ripoffrevenge.com](http://ripoffrevenge.com)

**Service:** You say they sold you a leaky blowup sheep *again*? For \$125, RipOff Revenge promises to get you a refund. How? None of your beeswax. The company doesn't reveal its MO.

**Will he be sorry?** Hard to verify, but they talk a good game, claiming their method "puts the whole mess in their face and forces them to deal with you honestly and immediately." So would strapping dynamite to your chest...

[sendblackroses.com](http://sendblackroses.com)

**Service:** Whether sent to your victim's widow or left across his motionless chest, there's no classier way to say "it was me all along!" than with a single black rose. One goes for \$7; full blackened wreaths will run you \$30 to \$50.

**Will he be sorry?** Maybe a little, unless he's dead. Or Goth; then he'll just develop a crush on you. Oops!

## BUZZ O' THE MONTH

### YO HO HO...

A great rum for life's heaving seas.

**Chunks ahoy, matey!** There once was a time when rum, uncut with girly cola, was the signature drink of the world's rip-snortin'est men—men who wrestled big guns on heaving poop decks and inflicted their own tattoos with the rustiest forks in the seven seas. Sailor Jerry, a Honolulu-based tattoo artist who made a mint with sexy togs and tattoos, now launches a rum to capture this hard-living lifestyle. Backed by helpful recipes (the Suffering Bastard, for one, lives up to its name), this rum packs a punch, yet goes down easier than a five-dollar syphilitic dockside hooker. To shanghai your own bottle for \$20, walk the cyberplank to [sailorjerry.com](http://sailorjerry.com).



Jamaica? Nah, she wanted to!



"My name is... My name is... Dammit—line!"



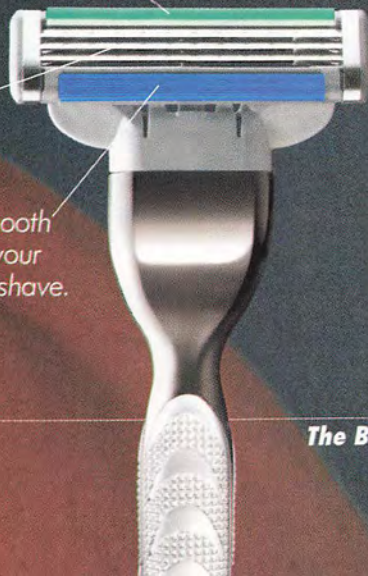
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HIROKI! IS HUNGRY!

## SWEET CREAMS

Our Japanese art assistant samples a crop of cream-filled foods.



### Hostess Twinkies

We paid \$2.99 Calories 150 Fat 5 g

**Comments:** We missed seeing our lovely editorial assistant suck the cream out of her snack cake because we were busy watching Hiroki. Woe! Woe! **Hiroki says:** "I can't say sponge is good quality. Dry—it's the desert dessert."

★★★★★



### Tropicana Orange Cream Bars

We paid \$3.69 Calories 70 Fat 1 g

**Comments:** Um, we don't remember Popsicles tasting like gunmetal. Apparently, these are kept "low fat" by making the cream out of sawdust and soap. **Hiroki says:** "It needs flip-out, outside going to be cream milk. White is beautiful."

★★★★★



### Stuffed Jalapeños Cream Cheese Poppers

We paid \$3.69 Calories 370 Fat 23 g

**Comments:** We once spent a weekend in Tijuana with a stripper named Jalapeño Popper. These morsels weren't nearly as tasty—but they didn't give us a rash. **Hiroki says:** "This is 2003-style food—it's stylish and fashionable. I don't like crispy part."

★★★★★



### Krispy Kreme Chocolate Iced Creme Filled

We paid \$6.50/dozen Calories 340 Fat 18 g

**Comments:** Krispy Kremes are the cocaine of junk food. Which made us wonder—can we freebase a puréed donut? As the ER docs told us, we cannot. **Hiroki says:** "[crams whole donut into mouth on \$2 bet; chokes, retches] Be careful of cream!"

★★★★★



### Johnsontown's Cream-Filled Tube Steaks

We paid \$5.59 Calories 275 Fat 25 g

**Comments:** Hiroki claimed he'd never shoved a tube steak down his throat, yet he had no problem with this sweet, salty sausage. He even swallowed! **Hiroki says:** "I love sausage, I love cream, but I don't love put in the sausage the cream."

★★★★★



**7%**

Amount of the entire Irish barley crop devoted to brewing Guinness.





"Of all the starfish in the sea, he had to pick mine."

#### NEWS YOU CAN LOSE

## THIS JUST IN!

If someone else printed it first, it *must* be true.

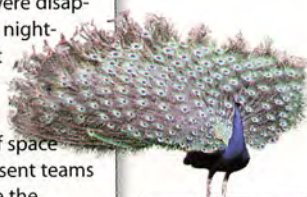
**Though all these** stories seem unbelievable, three of them were reported in reputable news sources. See whether you can spot the one we made up.

**1.** Two guards at the Milwaukee County Zoo were arrested after they were caught killing and eating peacocks. When officials noticed that the birds, which roam the sparsely wooded grounds freely, were disappearing, they organized a night-time stakeout and caught the guards grilling a peacock on a hibachi.

**2.** Suspecting the work of space aliens, Argentine officials sent teams of scientists to investigate the deaths of 70 farm animals that were found mutilated, dissected, and drained of blood. "The way the entrails were removed through a burnlike incision in the cow's rear end is very strange," said one farmer. "It has to be something from beyond the Earth."

**3.** A 92,000-acre Alaskan wildfire was started by scientists playing with firecrackers. The scientists, who were studying mortality rates among moose calves, were using the firecrackers to scare off an aggressive female. A female moose, that is.

**4.** After a bottle-nosed dolphin tried to have sex with several swimmers near an English resort town, the man who trained Flipper attempted to lure the animal out to sea and away from frigid divers. He didn't succeed.



"Nobody gets more tail, bub."



**2,000**

Dollars paid to witch doctors by the Ivory Coast government to remove a curse from the country's soccer team.

#### WANNA DATE?

## THE MAXIM CALENDAR

September: Nine reasons to wait the *full* 30 minutes before swimming.

### 1 Sunday

It's Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Month...By the way, it's Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Month...Just so you know, it's Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Month...Hey, look at that blimp!

### 2 Monday

To celebrate Labor Day, simply do at home what you normally do at work: Sample the fifth of vodka hidden in your desk and spend all day at [mandy.moore.com](http://mandy.moore.com).



### 6 Friday

The original *Star Trek* premiered on this day in 1966, finally making it OK for pudgy geeks to fantasize about "being transported" by a ruddy Scotchman and sneaking furtive peeks at the captain's log.

### 11 Wednesday



### 13 Friday

On this day in 1993, the Middle East peace accord was signed. Well done, fellas—bring on the tourists!

### 15 Sunday

The environmental group Greenpeace was founded on this day in 1971. That's odd—we suddenly have a hankerin' for deep-fried baby seal fritters.

### 16 Monday

Today is Stay Away From Seattle Day. Consider it done.



### 22 Sunday

The United States Post Office was established on this day in 1789. Back then muskets took so much time to reload that murderous rampages by disgruntled workers took weeks to accomplish.

### 30 Monday

Babe Ruth played his last game as a New York Yankee on this day in 1934, opening the door for new Boston Red Sox World Series wins. (Oh, be patient.)



#### LIST OF THE MONTH

## EIGHT UNAPPETIZING COOKBOOKS

1. *The Joy of Squirrel*
2. *Obese Is OK!*
3. *Rosie O'Donnell's Satisfying Vibrator Smoothies*
4. *Cooking With Hair*
5. *101 Prison Potty Punches*, by Martha Stewart
6. *The Tripe Lover's Cookbook*
7. *The Vegetarian Bible*
8. *Cock!* by J. Dahmer



"Avay, Satan fish! Avay!"





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## A CUT ABOVE

## SCAR WARS

See if you can guess what left these horrific marks.



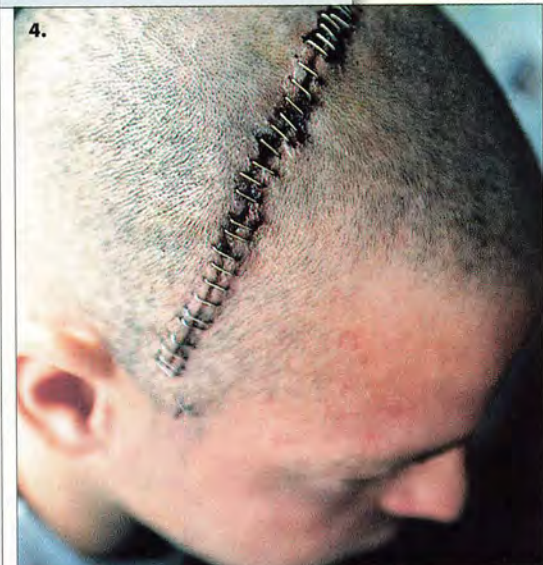
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- a. ☐ Larry King's open-heart surgery
  - b. ☐ Larry Hagman's liver transplant
  - c. ☐ Larry Fine's erupting alien



- 2.
- a. ☐ Radiation poisoning
  - b. ☐ Gangrene
  - c. ☐ Dyspeptic wolverines



- 3.
- a. ☐ Lightning
  - b. ☐ Machete
  - c. ☐ Paper cut



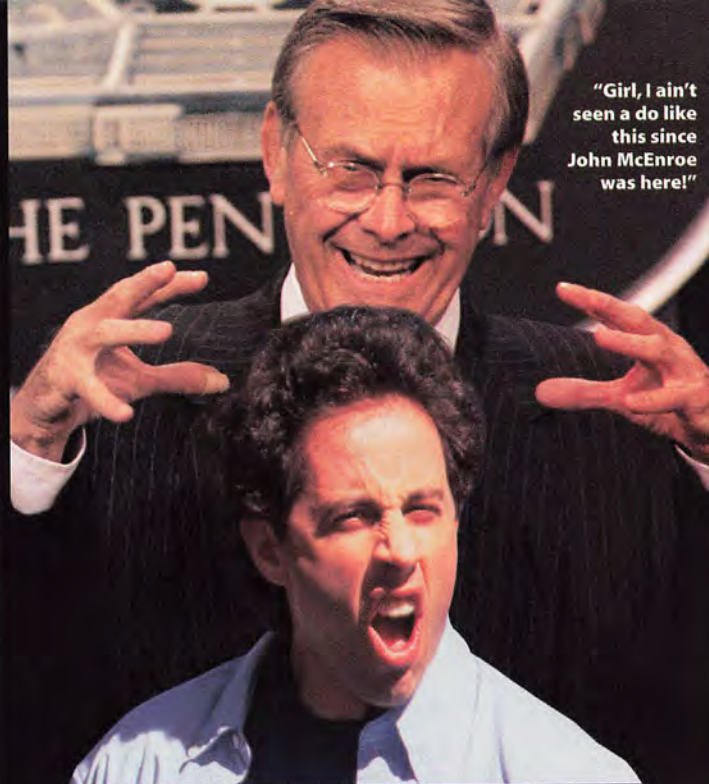
- 4.
- a. ☐ Gunshot
  - b. ☐ Brain surgery
  - c. ☐ Viking

Answers: 1. b, 2. a, 3. b, 4. b



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Pounds—yes, pounds—of lipstick the average woman will inadvertently swallow over the course of her lifetime.



"Girl, I ain't seen a do like this since John McEnroe was here!"

HEAD-TO-HEAD

# SEINFELD VS. RUMSFELD

One's an observational comedian; the other's a confrontational G-man. But which one's about to bomb?



## EVIL ARCHENEMY

The Soup Nazi

Osama bin Laden

Edge: Rumsfeld

## EARLY ACHIEVEMENTS

Wondered about stuff

Was all-Navy wrestling champ

Edge: Rumsfeld

## FAMOUS FOR

A show about nothing

A press briefing about something... although he won't say exactly what

Edge: Seinfeld

## SKILLS FOR

American Express

Various defense contractors

Edge: Seinfeld

## AWARDS

Peabody, Emmy, Golden Globe, TV Critics Award, American Comedy Awards

Voted "Most Likely to Bomb the Bejesus out of Stuff" in high school

Edge: Seinfeld

## SEXUAL WACKINESS

Dated a high school girl at age 39

Debriefs other men, yet sees an awful lot of Bush

Edge: Seinfeld

## BURNING SHAME

Perfectly aware his final show sucked

70 years old and still a secretary

Edge: Seinfeld

## SIGN OF POWER

During final season, earned about \$1,703 per word

Could have you "erased" with a twitch of his nose

Edge: Rumsfeld

## AND THE WINNER IS

In a preemptive counterattack, Seinfeld eliminated the enemy presence by a score of

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Designer Bran Ferren (left) stands with truck (right)

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## Extra toppings

Not elaborate enough, Mr. Bond? Bust out the optional motorbike, jet boat, and/or remote-control plane or mini-submarine! The optional trailer contains a 50-inch plasma screen, DVD/CD player, kitchen, and incinerating toilet (stand before flushing). The bad news: There's only one in existence, so having one made will cost "more than a Hummer and less than a Boeing 777." No problem—just use this pup to roll an ATM! Check out maximog.com.

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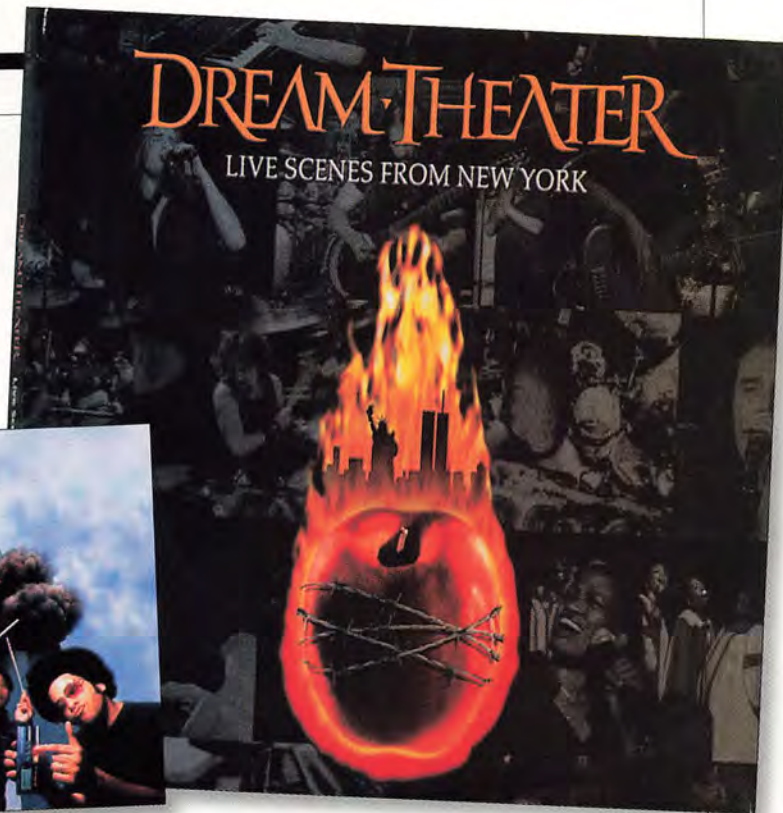
## URBAN LEGEND WATCH

# THE MYTHS OF SEPTEMBER 11

The good, the bad, the ugly... and the truth.

We were all scared, and—let's face it—we were ready to believe anything. For the anniversary of the attacks, *Maxim* tracked down the truth behind the rumors that clogged your in-box.

**RUMOR:** A band had to yank an album that showed the Twin Towers exploding.  
**REALITY:** According to urban myth site Snopes.com, this happened to two groups. The Coup's album (right) featured a band member detonating the WTC; the cover was never released. Dream Theater's album (far right) came out *that day* and showed the Towers on fire. The album was recalled.



**RUMOR:** If you fold a \$20 bill just right, you can see a burning Pentagon on one side and a smoldering World Trade Center on the other.

**REALITY:** The Twin Towers (above) look creepily familiar. The Pentagon (inset) looks like a wadded-up 20.

**RUMOR:** Dead bodies strapped into airline seats were found near Ground Zero.  
**REALITY:** Identifiable wreckage from the planes was recovered, as were a pair of severed hands mysteriously tied with plastic cuffs. But no bodies in seats.

**RUMOR:** A camera found at Ground Zero snapped a pic of a man on the WTC roof seconds before a plane hit.  
**REALITY:** This rumor came from a faked jpeg that flew around the Net after the attack, but the kind of plane, approach angle, and time of day are all wrong. And the roof was closed that morning.



**RUMOR:** One of Nostradamus' prophecies reads: "Two steel birds will fall from the sky on the Metropolis. The sky will burn at 45 degrees latitude."

**REALITY:** Century 6, Quatrain 97 of his prophecies actually reads: "At 45 degrees the sky will burn, / Fire to approach the great new city." Yeah, it's kinda eerie, but New York is closer to 40 degrees latitude, and there's no mention of any steel birds.

**RUMOR:** Workers found a Bible, completely unburned, in the wreckage after the Pentagon was hit.

**REALITY:** It was unburned...but it was a dictionary. So unless God's a problem solver, it probably doesn't mean anything.

**RUMOR:** After the attacks, a Canadian journalist published an essay praising America.

**REALITY:** The chain e-mail you received dozens of times is a pretty faithful copy of an essay written by Canuck Gordon Sinclair. The catch? He wrote it in the early 1970s.



**RUMOR:** After the first tower was hit, an announcement in the second tower told people to return to their offices.

**REALITY:** This has been verified by people who ignored that advice and lived.

**RUMOR:** A man in one of the collapsing towers "surf" down on a wave of debris. He survived with minor injuries.

**REALITY:** Um, no.

**RUMOR:** Unidentified groups shorted airline stock just before the attacks.

**REALITY:** It happened, and it's still unexplained. In the days leading up to 9/11, stocks for the two hijacked airlines, United and American, were shorted 12 to 25 times the normal volume. Authorities have yet to find evidence of ties to al Qaeda.

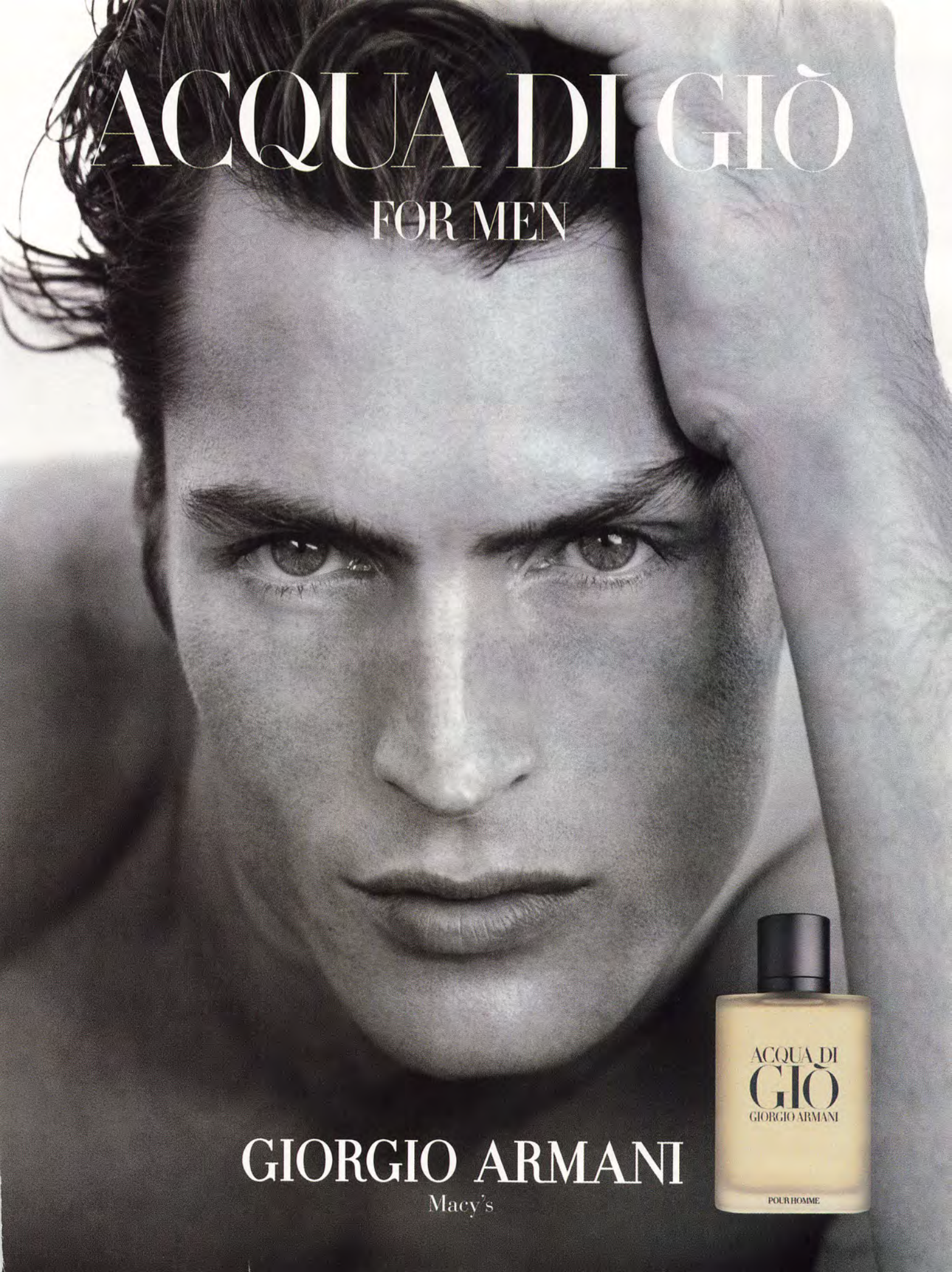


**RUMOR:** A photo taken of the towers shows the face of Satan in the smoke.

**REALITY:** This picture, snapped by an Associated Press photographer, was *not* doctored. The smoke does look like a face—but we think it looks like Santa.







# ACQUA DI GIÒ

FOR MEN

GIORGIO ARMANI  
Macy's





WHO CARES



Yep, that's what  
we thought hell  
would look like



"Change the baby already! I'm starvin' here!"

### Q: What will happen when we run out of landfill space?

**A:** The trash will be fine—but we'll be screwed. America patriotically produces 230 million tons of garbage a year (almost one ton per person). But we incinerate only 15 percent of it because that process, which reduces volume by up to 90 percent, is more expensive than dumping shit in a hole. Luckily, we've got plenty of grasslands and forests where we can toss our trash for years to come. "The waste industry has been remarkably elastic in maintaining capacity," boasts Steven Levy, an environmental engineer with the EPA's glamorous Office of Solid Waste. "There hasn't been a significant drop in capacity for 20 years. Running out of space is a worry, but not a crisis." Of the country's 2,300 landfills (not including Detroit), the largest is the 3,000-acre Fresh Kills Landfill in Staten Island, New York. Closed in spring 2001, it was reopened a year ago to help house the 1.8 million tons of rubble from the World Trade Center.

### Q: How does Teflon stick to the pan?

**A:** It's a quandary, as Teflon (a.k.a. tetrafluoroethylene) is the slipperiest substance known to man. Think of its carbon atoms as your pathetically whipped pal and its fluorine atoms as his hell-beast girlfriend. They bond so tightly that carbon can't spend time with buddies like oxygen, hydrogen, and fried eggs. But Teflon obviously sticks to *something*. "It's applied like paint," explains James Forte, DuPont's global Teflon brand manager. "First a bonding primer is applied and heated to 150 degrees. Then two coats of Teflon are added. Finally, the pan is heated to about 800 degrees to bond it all together." And the story with the bonding primer is... "That's a patented secret," says Forte. Then how did Jay Leno's hairdresser find out?

## G'HEAD, ASK US ANYTHING

Maxim answers all your temperate, trashy, tacky, tracy questions.

### Q: If our bodies are 98.6 degrees, why do we like temperatures in the 70s?

**A:** Although the body is mostly water—or, in your case, cheeseburgers—the organs, muscles, etc. are made up of complex proteins. When these proteins get too hot or cold, they break down, or "denature." Jason Bielagus of Harvard's Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology explains: "Think of how an egg hardens when it hits a frying pan—your brain reacts to high fevers in a similar way." Proteins stay at 98.6 degrees thanks in large

part to the hypothalamus, which acts as your internal thermostat. If the body's running hot, you sweat; too cold and you shiver to produce heat. So why do we roast when it's 95 degrees out? "It's not so much the heat as the fact that we're wearing clothes and being active," Bielagus says. "If we took off all our clothes and sat around doing nothing, we'd be comfortable." Tell that to Human Resources.



"You mind starting  
the car for me?"



Um, that's  
not the  
coin  
return...

### Q: With caller ID, why does it still take so long to trace calls in movies?

**A:** Because criminals making calls worth tracing are smarter than you. Wanna kidnap Bill Gates' pet iguana? Before you make your ransom call for a kajillion dollars, have the phone company eliminate the inaudible pulse that sends your information along with the call; your number will now show up as "blocked" or "private." Other encryption methods once available only to the CIA are also routinely used by modern bad guys. So when movies portray police traces, they're actually pretty accurate, much like when they portray hook-

ers as good-hearted damsels of astonishing beauty. "We sometimes have to run a phone line trapping program during the call to track the number through switches," says Verizon spokesman Ellis Edwards. For obvious reasons, Edwards wouldn't spill exactly how long it takes to track a call...so give Gates the ransom instructions via something totally untraceable—like e-mail!

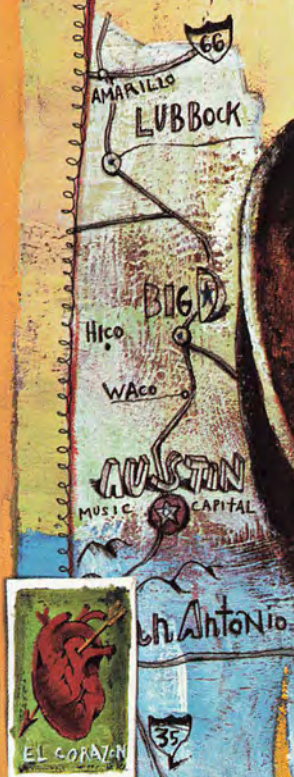
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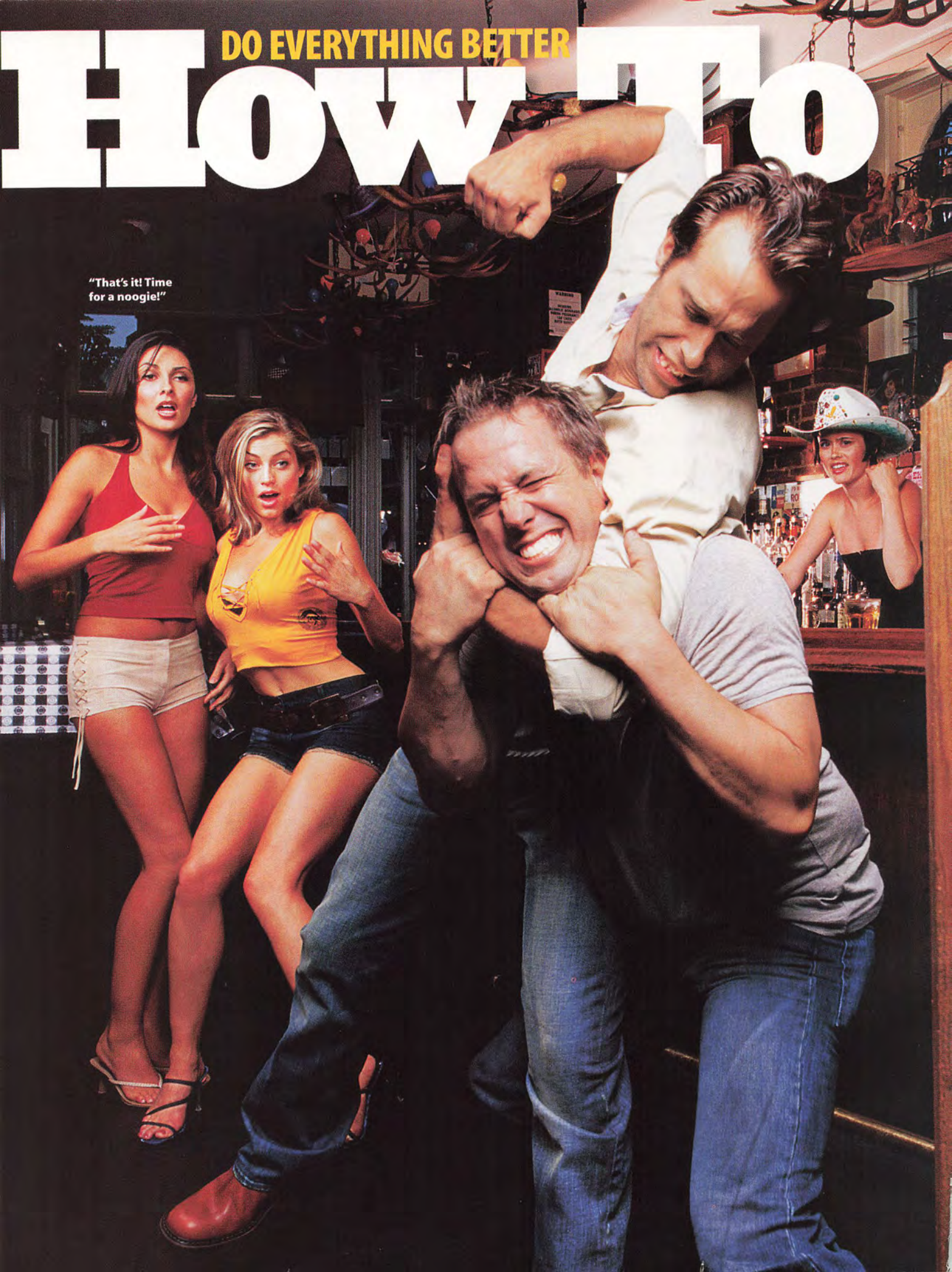
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# FAKE A FIGHT

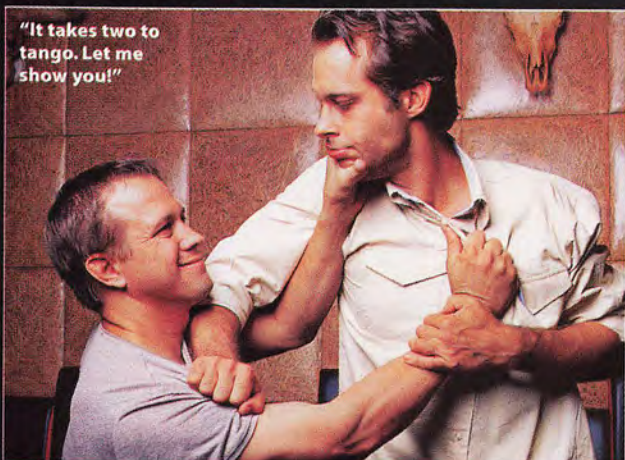
**Kick a bad guy's ass and get the girl—all without ruining your lovely manicure!**

Hollywood stunt man and fight choreographer James Lew has worked on *Charlie's Angels*, both *Rush Hour* installments, and—most impressive of all—*Action Jackson*. If he can make Drew Barrymore look like a badass, he can show you how to fake it better than your girlfriend.

"Color contacts? You lying bastard."



"It takes two to tango. Let me show you!"



## 1. GET MAD

Whether you're trying to impress a girl, avoid a Kennedy-esque bar tab, or convince the cellblock that you're not an easy date, fights are a part of life. The problem is, they hurt. So why not fudge it a little? Since all fights start with fightin' words, get all up in the face of your cohort, who will have agreed—thanks to a prior monetary arrangement—to let you "kick his ass." Says Lew: "You're only creating the illusion of a real fight, so the acting is a crucial part of the sell." Imagine your buddy slept with your girlfriend or, worse, stole your Chee-tos. Who says guys aren't in touch with their feelings?

## 2. GET HIT

Grab each other and struggle from side to side, clearing out space for your performance. Position yourself so that whomever you want to fool is behind either you or your opponent, who should be in front of your left shoulder. "In movies it's called 'stacking the shot,'" explains Lew; the angle makes it far easier to deceive viewers. When your buddy throws a right cross, snap your head to the right, make a loud "phooth!" sound, and let spit fly. Snap your head back—only Jack Tripper leaves it turned after a punch—and look mean. Um, we said *mean*, not constipated.

"OK, OK. I pick this hand."



"Mazel tov!"



## 3. HIT BACK

Throw your own punch, swinging your fist parallel to his face and six inches in front of his nose. If you want, pound your chest with your other fist to make a flesh-on-flesh noise—with luck, the crowd will be watching your striking python. Finish him off with a gut shot, but don't clench your fist completely, and flick your fingers at his shirt, pulling them back like a non-homoerotic locker room towel snap. It should double him over but shouldn't lift him off his feet. "Think of being touched with a hot iron on your bare stomach," Lew suggests. Takes us back to our orphanage days...

## 4. HIT THE DECK

Doubled over, your opponent should stagger around and grab a chair or table as he goes down. There's no decent way to fake a swift kick to the ribs, but you can use your shit-kickers to shove him down to the ground as he stumbles. For added style points, cap off your performance by smashing a breakaway—in other words, not real—beer bottle (\$17 at [norcostco.com/props.htm](http://norcostco.com/props.htm)) over his head. Don't get carried away and smash a chair over his back: It'll hurt like hell, particularly when he gets up mad and kicks the ever-lovin' snot out of you for real.



## HOW TO

# MAKE YOUR YARD A GOLF COURSE

Got a spare \$4,500 and a spiffy green sports jacket? This could be the first chapter of your own Cinderella story.

## ◀ DIG A HOLE

A green is like a woman: pretty on the surface, but a big project underneath. First, dig an 18-inch-deep pit in the desired shape of your green—we suggest a girl-on-a-mud-flap motif—and cut a six-inch-by-six-inch trench down the middle of the green and 10 feet past its edge. Put an inch of pea gravel in the trench—which should slope slightly downward—then lay four-inch PVC pipe with holes drilled in the bottom for water to seep into from below. (Make sure the lower end of the pipe ends

somewhere off the green.) Fill the pit with four inches of pea gravel, covered by an inch of coarse sand (you can buy both at a home supply store). "It's like putting a layer of basketballs under a layer of baseballs to keep them from falling through and plugging up drainage," says Palmer Maples Jr., the first course superintendent inducted into the Georgia Golf Hall of Fame. The final layer should be a foot-deep blend of 85 percent medium-grain sand and 15 percent peat moss. Bad at math? Ask a local course where to buy a premix.

## ◀ SCORE SOME GRASS

Smooth the soil to make the surface as flat as you can. Since your green will probably be far smaller than the average USGA regulation green, major undulations are out of the question; balls would constantly roll off. But it won't be totally flat—minor undulations will result from your shoddy craftsmanship. Measure your green, then buy rolls of washed bent grass—or Bermuda sod if you live in the South—at your local garden supply store. September is an

excellent month to lay bent grass sod, but you can plant it anytime it's not freezing. Besides watering the green frequently, you'll have to pony up \$1,500 for a used putting green mower—which you'll need to use daily to cut the grass to a *GQ*-editor-like  $\frac{3}{32}$  of an inch. Other maintenance chores include fertilizing, monthly fungicide applications, and regular top dressing—working sand into the green with a broom. Yes, it's more work than raising a kid, but it's also a lot more rewarding.

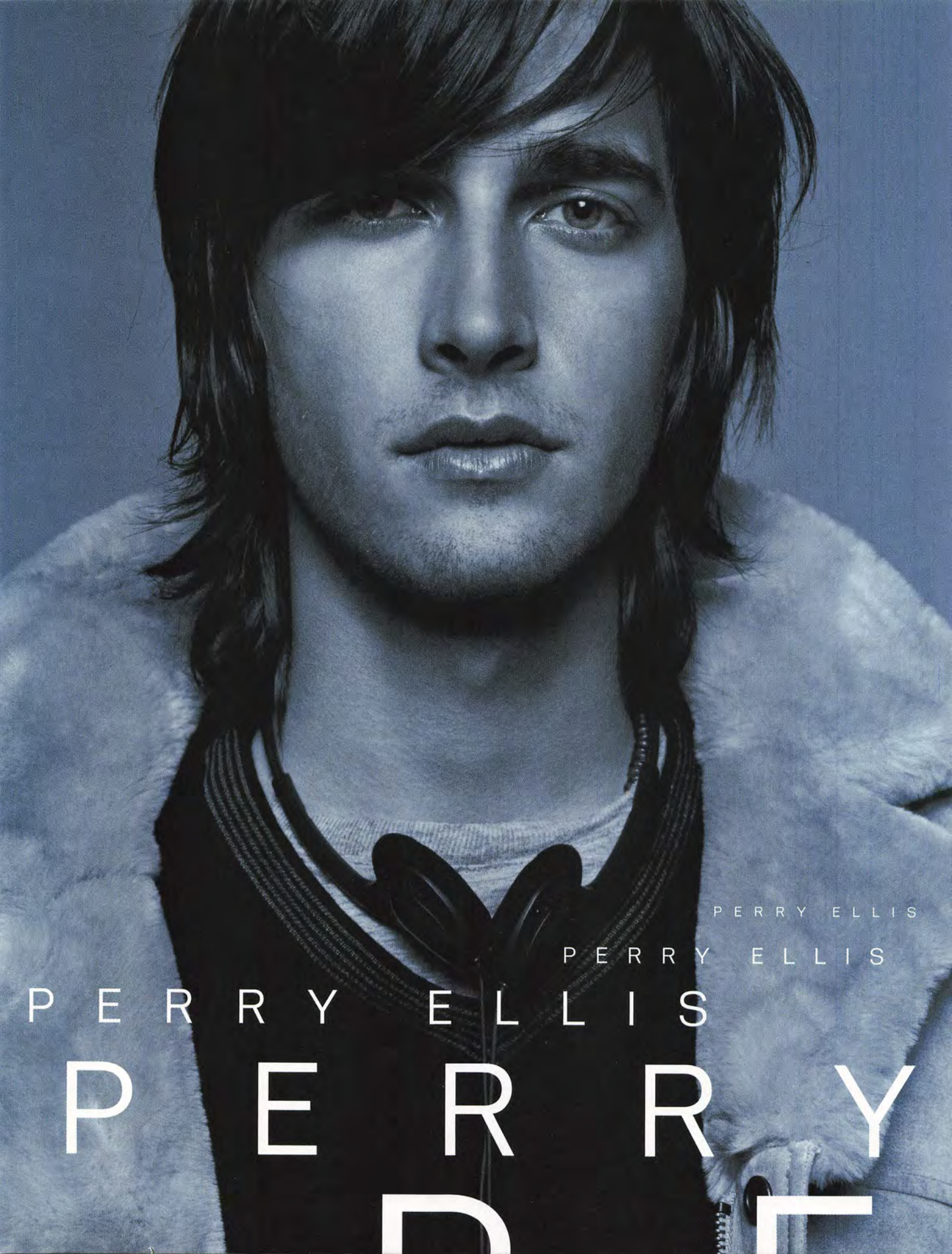
## ◀ SWEAT THE DETAILS

Mow the edge of the green a bit longer to create a fringe. To add a bunker, dig a hole with another drainage trench, dip the middle and lip the edge, then fill it with medium-grain sand. To create a water hazard, buy a ready-made pond at a garden supply store

or, if you're feeling cheap, bury a rock-lined kiddie pool—remove the kiddies first—and filtration system. Take a gander at [golfcoursesusplies.com](http://golfcoursesusplies.com) for local dealers who carry cup-changing shovels, cups, pins, and giant windmills. Tee off from your neighbor's roof, crank up the Journey, and you're good to go!

Now, where's that beer cart girl?





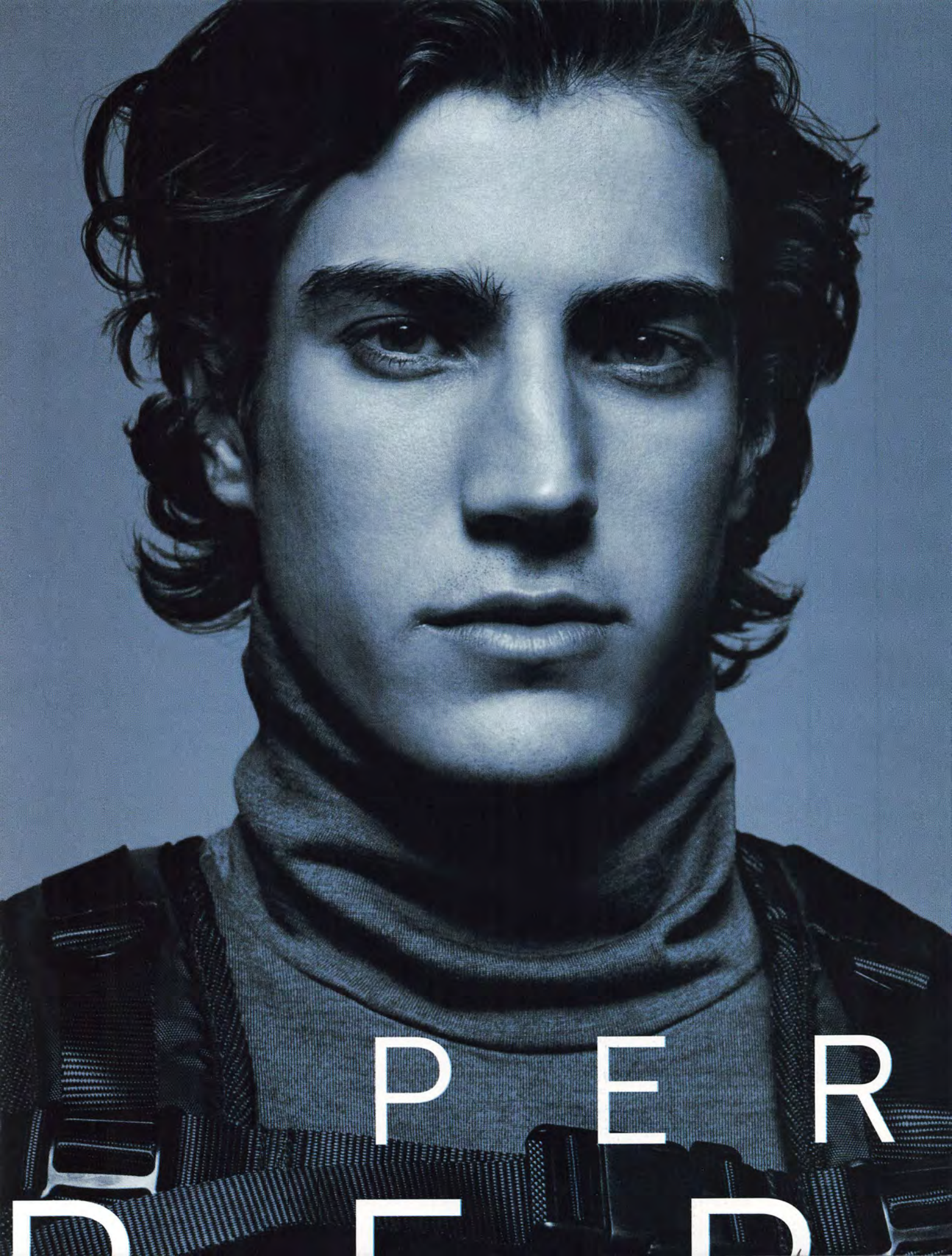
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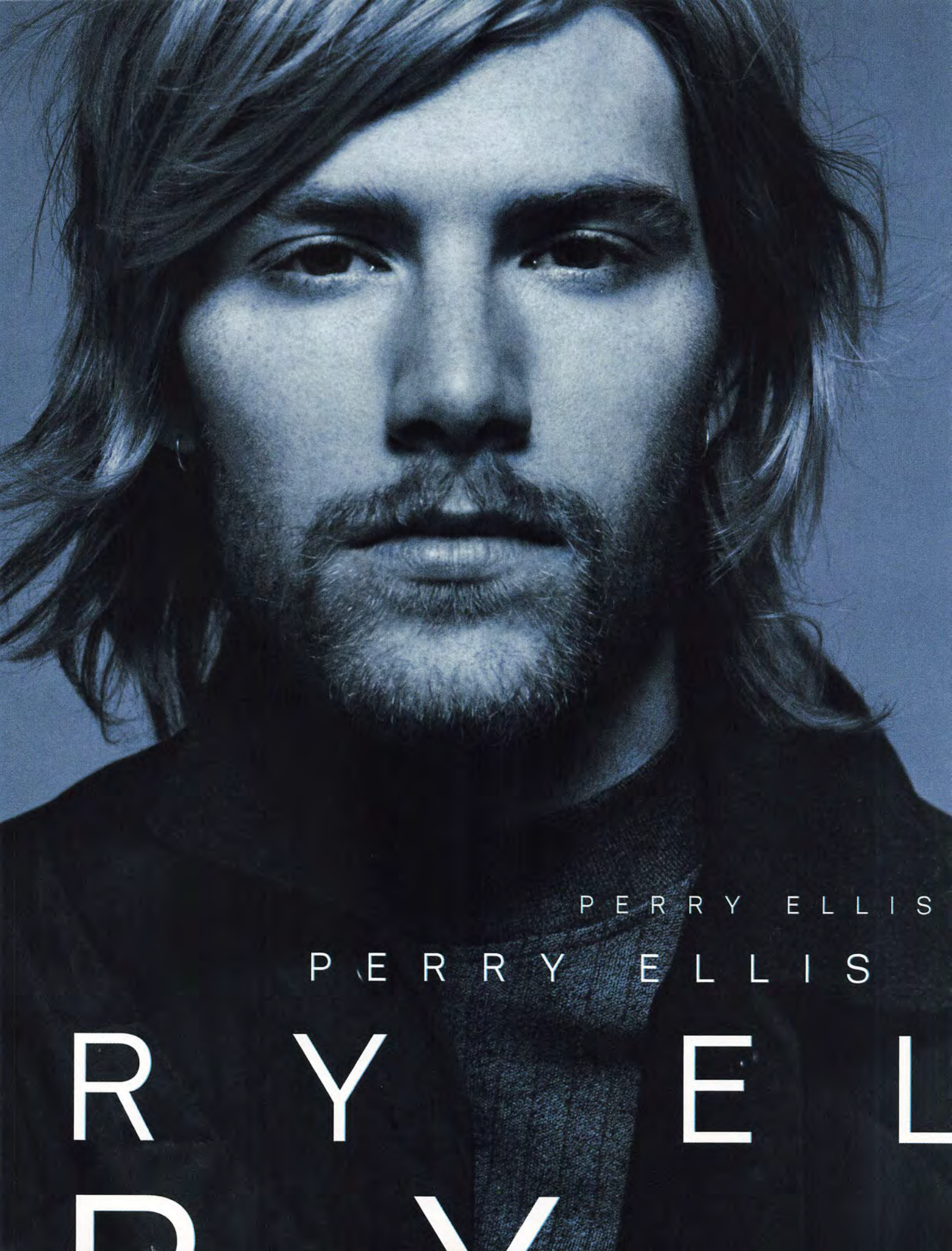
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HOW TO

# AVOID AN ARGUMENT

Why fight with your girlfriend when you can do something—anything—else?

## 1. YOU'D RATHER: WATCH THE GAME

**The strategy:** Assure her the game's important (even if it's not), but not as important as she is.

**The execution:** Use guilt: Could she table the talk for just three hours? And then you'll be all ears? Answer: Of course she can. Explain that it's hard to focus when you've been looking forward to the game for weeks. "Your girlfriend needs to know that, emotionally, she's being answered," says psychologist Don-David Lusterman, author of *Infidelity: A Survival Guide*. Now pray for triple overtime.

## 2. YOU'D RATHER: HANG OUT WITH FRIENDS

**The strategy:** Make her worry she'll be labeled a whip-cracking wench for making you ditch the boys.

**The execution:** You were just telling the guys how cool she is. How's it going to look if you back out now? "Be respectful, but tell her things can't always be done on her time line," Lusterman advises. Remind her she *knows* spending time with your friends clears your head and makes you better able to address her concerns. As will the lap dances.

## 3. YOU'D RATHER: GO TO SLEEP

**The strategy:** Convince her you're too exhausted to make a worthy target.

**The execution:** Look groggy and apologize for being so tired, but *don't* ask how long the conversation will take. "Men deal with things differently than women," Lusterman explains. "When you try to be practical, it sounds to her like you don't care." When she relents, take a minute to find out what's bothering her, and set up a time to talk the next day. That way she won't bring a pair of pruning shears to bed.

## 4. YOU'D RATHER: GET WORK DONE

**The strategy:** Explain it's also in *her* best interest that your boss not rip you a new one.

**The execution:** Let her know that you'll be surly if work's hanging over your head. "Say you're afraid your boss will kill you," Lusterman says. "Women understand feeling-based statements." Bring up any current money trouble, and remind her that failing at work means hurting your chances for a raise—which will impact the surprise-thoughtful-gift fund.



"Smell this and tell me I ain't sick!"

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"So I asked the genie for a little head..."



## HOW TO

# NEVER PAY BILLS

**So you still have to pay—at least torch the paperwork.**

### OPTION 1: GIVE THEM ACCESS

Many companies that send you regular bills, such as insurance, loan, and Internet service providers, now allow customers to pay by reverse direct deposit—you give them your account number and they automatically take the money out each month. (Check the small print on your bill for info.) The upside: It's free, and you never have to remember to mail your check on time. The downside: Now 17 online porn companies have access to your bank account.

### OPTION 2: TAKE IT TO THE BANK

All major banks now have online banking, though Bank of America and Wachovia rated tops in a recent *Smart Business* survey. Check your bank's Web site for rates (generally up to \$15 a month, depending on your balance). "Just list your bills, and at the end of the month input the amount you want to pay," says Jason Briggs, a Yankee Group analyst who tracks online billing and banking. You'll still have to check bills as they come in, but you can schedule recurring payments (such as a mortgage or minimum credit card fee) so you don't have to fill them out each month.

### OPTION 3: HAVE SOMEONE ELSE DO IT

To reach automated-bill-paying nirvana, sign up for an online bill paying service, such as Paytrust (paytrust.com). For \$15 or less per month, this company will take on your billing address so you'll never be hounded by a Visa statement again. Either choose the amount to pay each month or set the service to automatically pay in full. Then sit back and enjoy doing other things, like fretting about how you got so many damn bills in the first place.



"Oh, this scalp massage feels so-o-o good..."



"Excuse me—is Richard Pryor home?"

## HOW TO

# MAKE YOUR PAD SAFE

**Whether you're facing cunning thieves, raging flames, or cow-flinging windstorms, here's how to protect your stuff.**

### BURGLARS

Thieves look for the path of least resistance. FBI stats show that 30 percent of robbers get no resistance at all, not even locks—fastening that deadbolt will deter the laziest criminals. Similarly, 55 percent of burglaries happen in broad daylight, so double-check any back doors where a thief could find cover. An alarm system can cut your chance of getting burgled in half—but that sign in your window is a huge security boost, so *at least* buy a fake decal. Police say thieves look for unoccupied homes—the busiest months for break-ins are July and August, vacation time—so have your neighbors maintain a lived-in look by collecting your mail and turning lights on and off. According to Lieutenant John Kane of the Sacramento, California PD, a sliding glass door is a thief magnet, since it can easily be popped off its track. So drill screws into the track until the door barely clears them. Finally, deadbolt your garage door, or a thief can easily winch it up.

### FIRE

According to the National Fire Protection Association, half of fire deaths occur in the six percent of homes with no alarm. Put one on

each floor and outside each bedroom. The U.S. Fire Administration reports that 23 percent of house and 46 percent of apartment fires start in the kitchen, so invest in a small extinguisher. "In winter, heating equipment becomes the leading cause of home fires," says Julie Reynolds, an NFPA spokeswoman. Make sure you have three feet between your space heater and walls, and keep flammable materials, such as sacks of money, far away.

### MAJOR STORMS

First off, sell the trailer; it won't stand up to the big bad wolf. Even if a tornado doesn't carry off your house, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, it can cause expensive damage to exposed pipes. Replace any with flexible piping that won't crack under pressure. Next problem: keeping the roof from flying off. Climb into the attic and look up: The trusses (triangular "ribs" that support the roof) should be braced with cross-beams. If you can afford it, install storm shutters over your windows and reinforce your garage door—building supply stores sell kits for \$70 to \$150. Now throw up a machine-gun nest to discourage looters and you're all set.



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# Road Trip for **Two**

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**Y**ou guys know that women love being whisked away to romantic destinations unknown. What's in it for you? Plenty, Mac. Plan and pull off the perfect weekend getaway and we'll be willing to pardon almost any bad-boyfriend offense—even forgetting an anniversary or our great-grandmother's funeral. The real bonus for you, though? Spontaneous escapes get us out of our usual grind and in the mood to try anything. *Anything*.

If you really want to knock our socks off (along with the rest of our clothes), it's up to you to take over and map out the perfect two-day vacation. It may sound like a lot of work, but this girl-approved trip-planning blueprint will make it easy to collect the ultimate payoff: unbelievable road trip sex *and* a satisfied woman to come home with afterward. What more could a guy ask for? OK, besides a Ferrari. OK, besides World Series tickets...

## **STEP 1: Get a game plan**

Since we gals are usually the ones stuck making the plans, you'll really get the weekend off on the right foot by giving us a break and taking care of the arrangements. The good news is you don't have to pull off an expensive or elaborate weekend to impress her. Just pick somewhere relatively close—four travel-hours max—and make sure it's a place you can *both* enjoy. In other words, if she's not into gambling, Atlantic City is out of the question, no matter how nice the spa is at Caesars.

Once you've picked the locale, spend your lunch hour surfing the Web and booking a decent hotel with a few amenities ▶





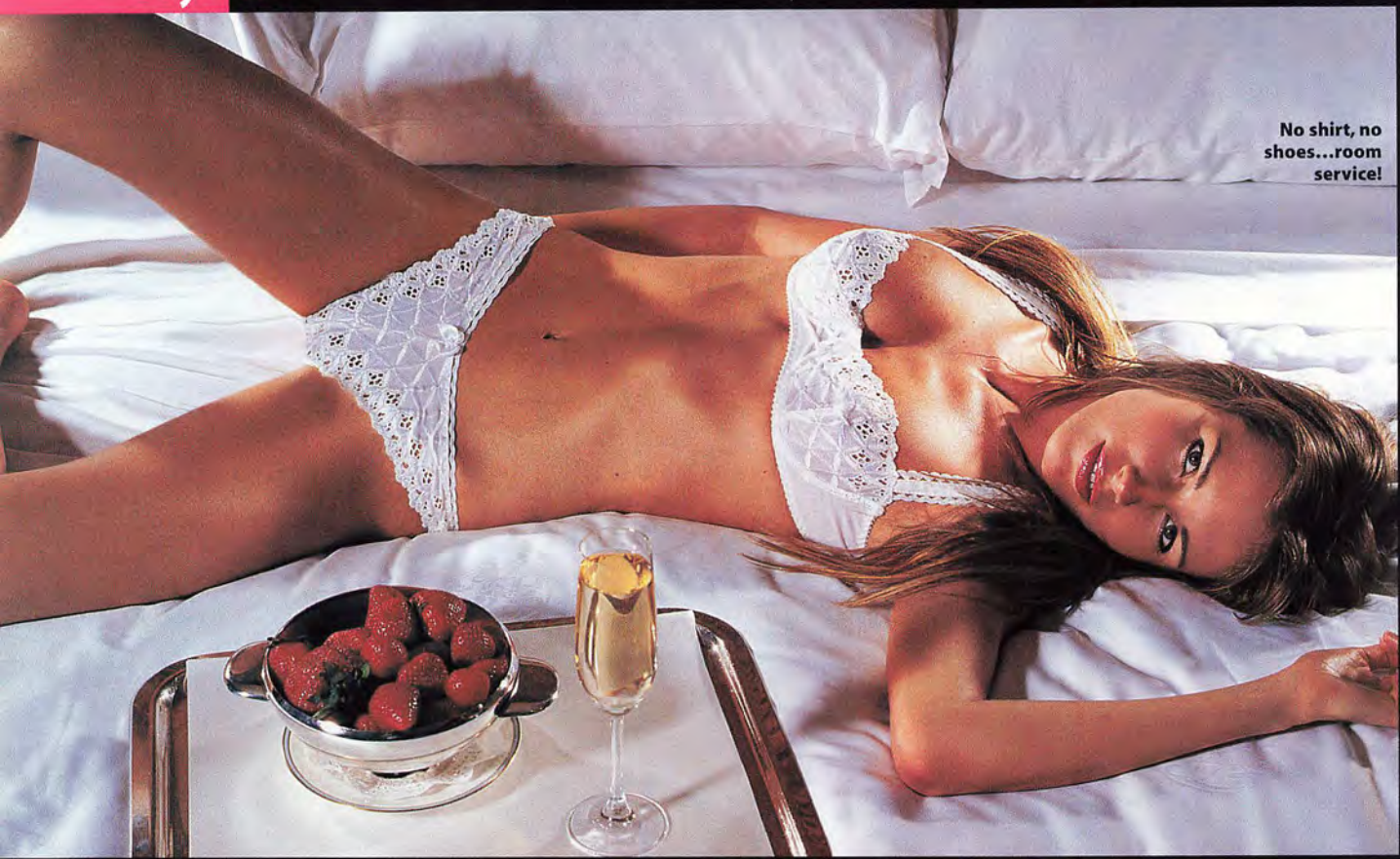
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No shirt, no shoes...room service!

(think gym or in-room Jacuzzi), buying the plane or train tickets, and making dinner reservations for Saturday night. While you're at it, check out some local activities and hot spots so that you'll have a general idea of what to do once you get there. It only takes a few minutes, but the reward for you is huge. If your girl thinks you've actually put some effort into the plans, she'll know that her happiness is worth a little bit of hassle to you. Amy, 27, explains: "When we went to

**A little pampering makes us feel sexy...and gets us ready for lethal, uninhibited sex later on.**

Miami, my boyfriend did everything. He found the best restaurants and planned things for us to do if we got bored. I felt like a princess the whole weekend, and I couldn't wait to, uh, express my thanks." We think it's cute when you roll out the red carpet for us, and we can't wait to show you exactly how much we appreciate it.

#### STEP 2: Give her some space

We know your ultimate goal is to be buck naked and rocking the box springs all weekend long. But

if you really want to make us eager to sweat it up in a strange hotel room, first schedule a few hours of just-for-her pampering treatments, like a massage and facial. (But make sure you book Helga, the hairy Romanian masseuse, instead of the tanned, muscular Lars from Sweden.) Bonus: Plan them for when the game is on and everybody wins.

Yes, the spa alone time makes us miss you, but getting waxed, buffed, and rubbed for a few hours also makes us feel attractive and sexy...and that makes for lethal, uninhibited sex later on. Allison, 26, recalls a mellow, self-indulgent afternoon at a spa that led to an unforgettable night in the room. "He made the appointment without me knowing and had the spa's limo pick me up and drop me off. The whole time I was there getting manicured and massaged, I was thinking about all the ways I could make it up to him when I got back to the hotel. I don't know who was in more bliss when it was over—him or me!" ▶

## COVER YOUR ASS

**Screwed up the details, huh? No problem. We've got your excuses.**

**Screwup:** D'oh! You forgot to reserve a rental car.

**Your excuse:** "Honey, I thought it would be more romantic to walk [the 37 miles]."

**Screwup:** The "fancy" dinner you planned—All-You-Can-Eat Warm Oysters!—leaves her crouched over, heaving at the throne.

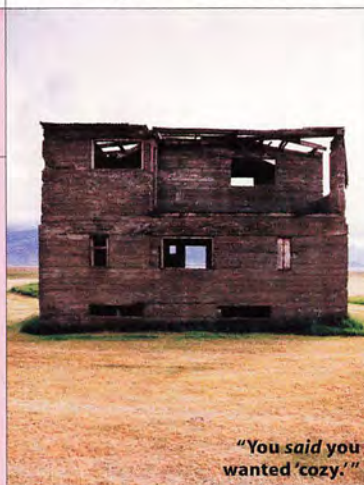
**Your excuse:** "Finally—a chance to prove I can take care of you."

**Screwup:** The "hotel" turns out to be a flea-infested hole.

**Your excuse:** "I chose this place to demonstrate what my life was like before I met you."

**Screwup:** You forgot to pack nice clothes to wear out to eat.

**Your excuse:** "But, baby, I did pack a suit—my birthday suit! Heh, heh. Domino's it is!"  
—Marcy Smith



"You said you wanted 'cozy.'"



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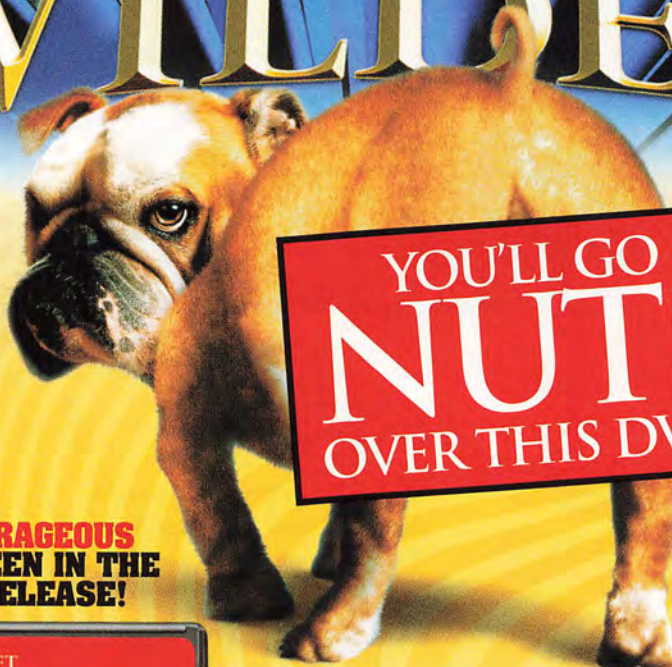


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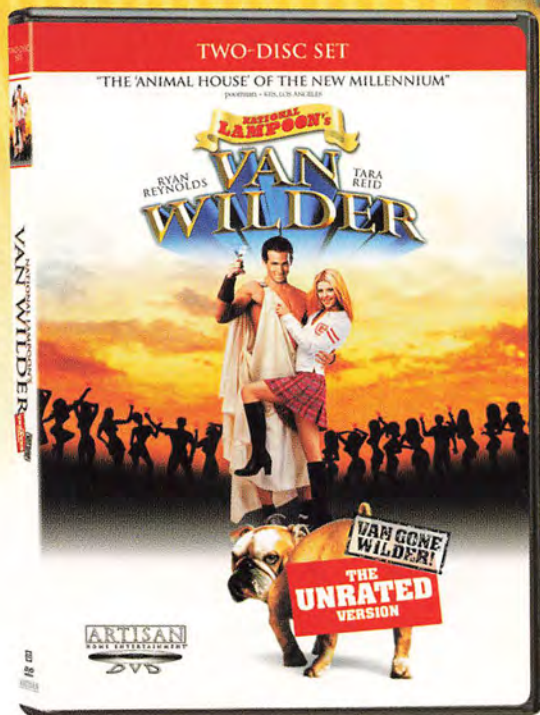


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## STEP 3: Get room-serviced

Now for the *real* point of the weekend—hotel room sex. You've laid the groundwork: You've done the great boyfriend routine, and you know you're getting nookie no matter what. But why settle for the same old in-and-out when you could try those kinky, nasty new moves you've been wondering about? The stage is set—swanky hotel room, a minibar at our disposal, and we don't have to clean up the wreckage in the morning.

Yes, girls agree: This is the perfect opportunity to talk her into anything. We're on a break from reality; in our minds there's no better time to let loose and experiment. "My boyfriend had been begging me to do this role-playing, tie-me-up thing with him, but it seemed sort of weird and pervy," says Megan, 24. "Then he orchestrated this secret rendezvous—he even had flowers, wine, and candles waiting in the room when we checked in. It felt like a fantasy from start to finish. I guess I just got so caught up I wanted to complete *his* fantasy." It may sound corny to you, but we girls really are hornier when we feel emotionally close to our man. Shower her with



**Seal the deal with a souvenir and you'll get hot hotel sex every time she sees the trinket.**

attention for an entire weekend and you're guaranteed to bring out her inner wild woman. So take advantage.

## STEP 4: Make some memories

Want to make sure this weekend lingers in her mind for a while? Pick up a token for her to remember it by. Just don't choose something cheesy that you'd bring home for your grandma. (Sorry, no cutesy snow globes or ALL I GOT... tees.) Any small,

thoughtful trinket that'll remind her of the trip is the cherry on top. She'll always associate it with you, and (more importantly) she'll have something tangible to show off to her friends and coworkers. Because, let's be honest: The only thing better than a kick-ass weekend away with a guy we adore is being able to gloat about it when we get back. Even something as simple as a picture frame and a photo of the two of you from the weekend can pack a sentimental punch.

But if you really want to make it last, you might have to go for the big guns, like 25-year-old Amanda's boyfriend did. "Over the weekend, I fell in love with a pendant I saw in a shop window. When we got home he hid it under my pillow so I would find it when I crawled into bed that night. Now whenever I wear it, I think of the fabulous weekend we had and what an awesome guy he is for going to so much trouble for me." And while she's thinking about that, you can both blissfully revisit the crazy monkey sex you talked her into all weekend—the gift that keeps on giving. **M**



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### THE SPA

Mud wraps, facials, and shiatsu massage—it's the vacation you've always wanted! At least the "facials" part sounds promising. ... **Our guy-friendly pick:** The Jim Russell Racing Drivers School/MacArthur Place Speed & Spa Getaway (800-733-0345 or russellracing.com) in Sonoma, California. While you vroom around the track, she soaks away her stress. Sweet.



### THE BED AND BREAKFAST

Filly bed skirts may give you the heebie-jeebies, but to women, shabby chic spells romantic, cozy nights by the fire. Whatever the season, a trip to the country will fill her with a joyful, let's-get-jiggy vibe. **Our guy-friendly pick:** Try Captain Grant's (800-982-1772 or captaingrants.com) in Poquatuck, Conn. She'll like ye olde historic charms; you'll like the two casinos nearby!



### THE RITZY CITY HOTEL

The reason a weekend at a fancy-schmancy hotel works? Push the bed up against the window, turn off the lights, and nail her from behind with the city lights winking at you. Then find an all-night diner! **Our guy-friendly pick:** Chicago's Hotel Burnham (866-690-1986, or burnhamhotel.com)—a hip update of a classic skyscraper with great views from every room.



### THE BEACH

A beach weekend gives you a chance to ogle dozens of bikini-clad beauties, all under the influence of lots of chilled booze. **Our guy-friendly pick:** Transform your gal pal into a hot summer fling at Couples Negril (800-268-7537 or couples.com). Its poolside bar will make serious inroads against her inhibitions about the nude beach. —Amy Keyishian



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Vroom! Vroom!



# The Little Engine That Might



We crossed the pond to Ireland to ride in a three-day, 620-mile rally. Our mission: to find out what the Mini Cooper's most hard-core fans think of the spiffy new version with a distinct American (and German) accent. BY DAN NEIL



The new Mini is compatible with all Tyco racetracks

**T**he thought of imminent and colorful death has full possession of my mind as I wheel a new Mini Cooper S at three-digit velocities along a glorified golf cart path punctuated by rim-bending potholes. It's Day 1 of the annual Mizen to Malin Rally, a 620-mile south-north slog across Ireland staged by the Irish Mini Owners Club. This is God's country, they tell me: a tumbling, vaulting landscape of weathered green rock and frothy rivers. But

A low center of gravity makes for awesome donuts



I dare not look. The left-side mirror is clipping shrubbery off stone walls, the right-side suspension is pumping away to keep the rear end from passing the front end. *No...time...to... enjoy scenery...must...go faster!*

Unless you've been living under a Blarney stone for the past year, you've heard about the coming invasion of the new Mini Cooper. Now owned and produced by BMW, the new-era Mini is a tarty, postmodern ver-

sion of the classic Brit pixie that started life as the ultimate econobox during the Suez Canal oil crisis in 1956. A precious few of the new machines are already cruising down Main Street U.S.A., and many more idle on highway billboards, daring guys to start their own rally in this country. We couldn't wait for that to happen, which is how we found ourselves testing the new pup on its home turf, against the old dogs chomping at the bit. The cars gathered at the Westlodge Hotel in Bantry, County Cork bristle with PIAA rally lights, bazooka-size exhausts, racing numbers, and other go-fast racing accessories.

Of course, there hasn't been a Mini sold in America since housewives were merry and efficient. A victim of the collapse of the British auto industry, the old Mini remained virtually unchanged for 41 years. Consequently, it was never reengineered to pass U.S. emissions and crash-safety requirements. Also, to borrow a highly technical auto industry phrase, it was "itzibitzi"—only 10x4x4 feet, as in, *When are the clowns gonna come out?*

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(So you will too.)





10,000 Minis ever making the trip across the pond. But the car's status as a pop culture icon just kept growing, helped in no small part by a costarring role in 1969's caper pic *The Italian Job*, featuring Michael Caine and a never-ending multi-Mini chase scene.

So, what to think of this revamped, swanky, much sought-after go-kart? Studly? Silly? Cute? All of the above?

"Dat's *not* a Mini," sniffed one salty limey from the seat of his royal blue Mini Cooper encrusted with rally lights as he pulled up alongside me. "Dat's a fookin BMW." On the rear glass of his pug-ugly Mini was a sticker: 100% FREE OF BMW PARTS. Apparently, Germany is still high on the "shite" list of many in English-speaking Europe.

But make no mistake: BMW is setting its sights far beyond snotty old-world die-hards. Fully aware that Americans don't like rough stuff mucking up their driving experience, it offers creature comforts from top to bottom: eight-speaker Harman/Kardon CD stereo, navigation system, a trick CVT (continuously variable transmission), panoramic sunroof, run-flat tires, leather and power everything.

Meanwhile, the German designers have amped up the

## SPEC CHECK 2002 Mini Cooper

- ▶ \$16,300 (base price)
- ▶ 1.6 liter, 115 hp inline 4
- ▶ 126 top speed
- ▶ 6-speaker CD sound system
- ▶ Panoramic sunroof (optional)
- ▶ Checkered flag (in the glove)



A quick reference for when you're flying Similar to seats we've seen at Six Flags



## GIRL TALK

"I love it. The guy who owns this car has a sense of humor and a particular sense of style."  
—Hillary Rogers, 28



Room for one tubby American, his lanky copilot, and two, er, naked models

## NEXT OFF THE LINE

Man, this concept Mini really hauls... a lot of bricks.

It may look like it can lift 10 times its own weight, like its second cousin the red ant, but this four-wheeled creature is actually a computer-generated Mini concept. The roof can easily be repainted with a *real* flag.



God bless America!

visual testosterone: The roof pillars are blacked out to give the windows a Dale Earnhardt-sunglasses kind of menace. Show-car touches like NASA-style toggle switches and the godalmighty big speedo sitting cycloptically in the dash center say, "Prepare for takeoff." And as a nod to import compact tuners, à la *The Fast and the Furious*, the tach is mounted on the steering column like aftermarket slammer gear.

True to the original, it's got the bulldog stance. Ditto the side-ways engine and front-wheel drive. All the classic cues—the bug-eyed lights, the trapezoid flanks, and the guppy-mouth grill—are translated into hip,

glossy sheet metal, bulging with effortless cool. The new car, almost two feet longer than the old, has a hatch instead of a trunk for supersize utility. Mountain bike? Ah, no. That's what the optional roof rack is for. But snowboards? Sure, fold the backseats flat and pile them in.

The tilt-and-slide front seats allow easy ingress to the backseats—where I should have slept that first night in Ireland, as the inn's mattress felt like it was stuffed with Lucky Charms.

But the real story with this three-time Monte Carlo rally champion is under the hood—thankfully, since the new Mini will still be the smallest car



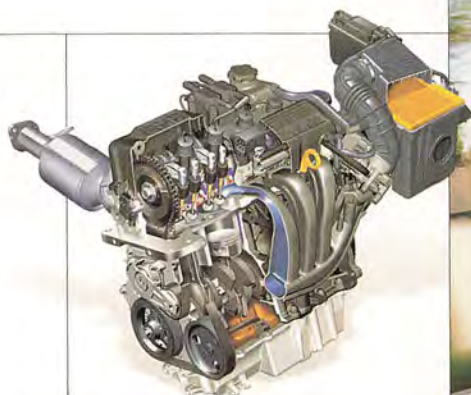
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Engine shown actual size

sold in America. The turbo-charged Mini S sports package I'm driving boasts a speedy 1.6-liter four-banger good for 163 hp.

Another big difference is the wheels. Compared with the old car, which sits on what look like donuts, the new model has huge wheels (15- to 17-inchers, depending on package) rolling on the multilink suspension of BMW's 3-series in the rear and MacPherson struts up front.

So by midday I was getting a good feel for the car and basically smoking everybody else in their quaint little puffers—especially through the hairpins. I'd pitch it into the corners, feed in opposite lock steering, waggle



GIRL TALK

"I like that it's practical and spacious for a compact car. And it seems easy to park!"  
—Morgan Yakus, 28

Can be stopped by dragging feet, Flintstones-style

the rear end, and never feel like I was in over my head.

But this one guy in a race-prepped Mini wouldn't give up. I'd make a run to pass him, he'd floor it, and I'd run out of real estate. Just south of the Cliffs of Moher, coming out of an S turn, I squeezed my car alongside to the right and punched the go button. Right wheels off and scrabbling, buzzy rpm's filling the cabin. We were headlight to headlight coming into a blind corner, but his car had dinky little drum brakes. He had to get on the binders *now*, while me and my pizza-size disc brakes all around had nothing but time. I got the corner first, and he was



The danger of parking in Brooklyn

shit outta Irish luck. Hell *yeah*, that was fun.

The rally route took us through innumerable quaint Irish villages where nary a strip mall can be found, though taverns are helpfully marked with red doors. And at around six o'clock it was Guinness time.

Rally boss Gerard O'Leary bought the first round, prompting my friendly competitors to start railing against American beer. I figured they were dodging a sore subject.

"So, like the new Mini?" I asked my new mates.

The tiny bar became hushed.

"Like it? Don't like it? Hate it?" I asked.

"Yah, sure, I'd love one," said Andrew Mullins, from Surrey, England, after a long pause. "I think eventually even the traditionalists will embrace it."

Seems Guinness is also a truth serum.

"But we'll never embrace yer crappy Amurrikaan lager!" cracked the bartender.

Fair enough. Ya gotta give the poor sots something. **M**



## ENGLAND'S TOY BOX

The limeys have a long, proud heritage of producing tricked-out golf carts.

### GRINNALL SCORPION

Inspired by the classic three-wheeled cars produced by Morgan before WWII, the Scorpion is built using BMW motorcycle engines and a steel tube chassis. These lightweight, roofless deathtraps do 0–60 in 4.5 seconds, hit 130 mph, and get up to 50 miles per gallon.

### MG TF

Most people driving Miatas today were sperm swimming around their fathers' *huevos* when MG introduced this affordable two-seater back in the '50s. Now part of the beleaguered Rover company, MG produces just one roadster, the TF—which looks like, well, a Miata.

### MORGAN PLUS 8

Family-owned and -operated since 1909, the tiny Morgan Motor Company still hand-builds its cars and has a Ferrari-style waiting list of up to two years. Every Plus 8 has a frame made of ash wood, which the company claims performs well in crash tests—at 5 mph, we assume.

### LAND ROVER DEFENDER

Land Rover stopped selling the highly customizable Defender in the U.S. back in 1997 because they didn't have U.S.-mandated front air bags. They're still available in the U.K., and American collectors exchange their firstborns for them on the used market in the States.

### TVR TAMORA

Fast as hell and ugly as sin, the Tamora has a 350 hp aluminum (pronounced al-yuh-min-ee-um by the bucktoothed) inline that rumbles beneath smiley air intakes. It's got bug-eyed fog lights poking out of the sheet metal and a big ass that puts Fergie's to shame.  
—Glenn Derene





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We've got the heads up on slimming down your double chin, finally finding a missing nut, and cracking the big knuckles. Plus: Birth control breakthroughs! BY ESTHER CRAIN

## How do I get rid of a double chin?

✚ The obvious answer to this medical puzzle is some boring-but-true advice about trading in KFC for the GYM. But why go the old-fashioned route when modern medicine provides shortcuts? Plastic surgeons routinely perform "contouring" procedures that, according to Laurie A. Casas, M.D., chair of the communications commission of the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, involve sucking out fat along the neck and/or tightening the remaining skin. Cost of outpatient surgery: approximately two to four Gs, plus a couple of weeks' healing time to dream up comebacks to post-op Jay Leno jokes. Is a

## If bone cracking doesn't cause pain, you're in the clear!

strong jaw worth 60 lap dances or one big-screen plasma TV? Only you can decide, fatso.

Now, why on earth did chub settle in your face in the first place? "Our bodies store excess weight around the neck the same way it's stored on the torso," says Dr. Casas. If you're skinny but have a double chin, it's probably genetic; some people tend to store more fat than others. If your chin shape is naturally small, the surrounding skin may appear to hang looser and flabbier. Hey, there are worse places to be looser and flabbier. Or did you finally lose your baby fat but not the extra skin that went with it? That'll do

it, too. But don't sweat it a bit: One day you'll have the matching gut again.

## Every time I flex, my bones crack. It doesn't hurt, but is it bad for me?

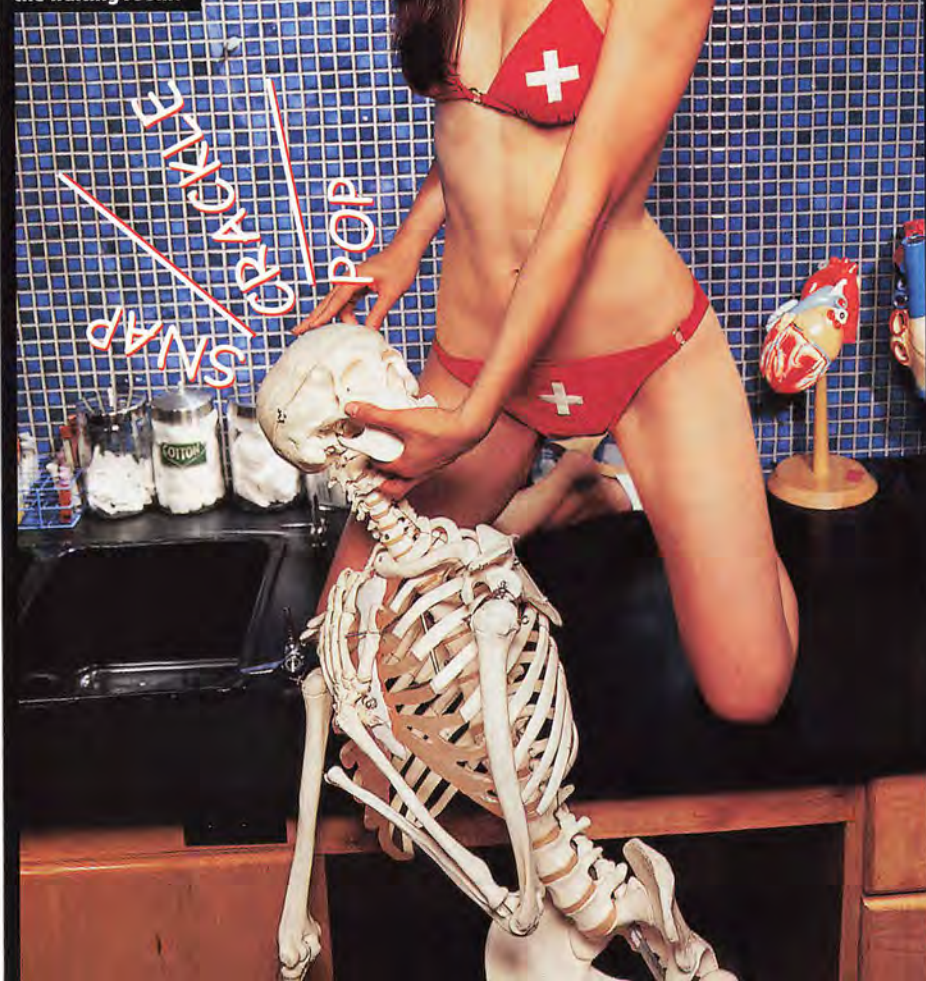
✚ Sure, that popping is unsettling—and it's no picnic for your partners on the bomb squad. But if there's no pain, you're in the clear. "Some people have naturally loose joints, resulting in that telltale popping sound whenever they flex or stretch," explains Thomas Hunt III, M.D., head of hand surgery at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. All you're doing is pushing the joint out of its usual position and displacing a small pocket of air in the process. The noise that follows is just the sound of the air shifting around that empty space. If there's an "ow" that goes along with your snap, it's worth a visit to an orthopedic specialist. The pain could be a sign of early-onset arthritis, or it could mean you tore a ligament, making the joint unstable.

Don't sweat pain-free, on-purpose bone shaking. "It's the same mechanism whether you're unintentionally cracking your joints or doing it consciously," says Dr. Hunt. As for long-term damage, it's doubtful—but the jury's still out. One small study found that people whose knuckles cracked or were cracked more often had more joint swelling than those who left their fingers alone. Popping your joints on purpose might necessitate a visit to the doc. And no one likes seeing the doctor... present company excluded.

## Sometimes my left nut goes missing for days on end. Please help me.

✚ Here it is...It was under the couch. Just kidding, just kidding. So you reach down to polish ▶

"Nurse, how long was this patient in the waiting room?"





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the family jewels, only to realize one bauble has bailed? Again? Yeah, we'd beg for help, too. "Sounds like a retracting testicle, a usually harmless condition in which one or both of the testes occasionally disappear into the abdominal cavity," explains Michael Werner, M.D., a urologist who specializes in male infertility in private practice in White Plains, New York. A retracting testicle learns its trick when a muscle reflex in your groin tenses up after you shoot your wad or expose your *cojones* to cold weather or for no good reason at all. "The retraction should last only a few minutes but may last a few hours; then the testicle descends back into the scrotum, where it belongs," he says.

But you say your marble goes missing for days? Well, it won't hurt your sex life: Even with one ball MIA, you'll churn out plenty of testosterone to keep your willy working and your voice from climbing three octaves. But a habitually wandering jewel could sabotage your sperm production.

**News flash: If you lose your marble for more than a few hours, you might have a problem.**



"In Germany we had to pay extra for this!"

"Sperm need to mature in the scrotum, where it's a couple of degrees cooler than the rest of the body," adds Dr. Werner. "The longer the testicle remains in the abdomen, where it's warmer, the more likely fertility will suffer and the higher your odds of developing testicular cancer." So if you plan on being a dad

someday in the distant future, see a urologist now. He can do a simple outpatient procedure that sutures the stray nut into your pouch, preventing your little swimmers from a dangerously tropical vacation. **M**

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## BEYOND THE JIMMY HAT

These birth control breakthroughs take out the worry and put more bang in your bucking. By Marcy Smith

### 1. DEPO-PROVERA

Your girl gets a shot of the hormone progestin every three months. (\$30–\$75 per injection)

**Pros:** It's easy, 99.7 percent effective, and gives you worry-free sex for three months.

**Bonus:** Can tease girl about taking it in the ass.

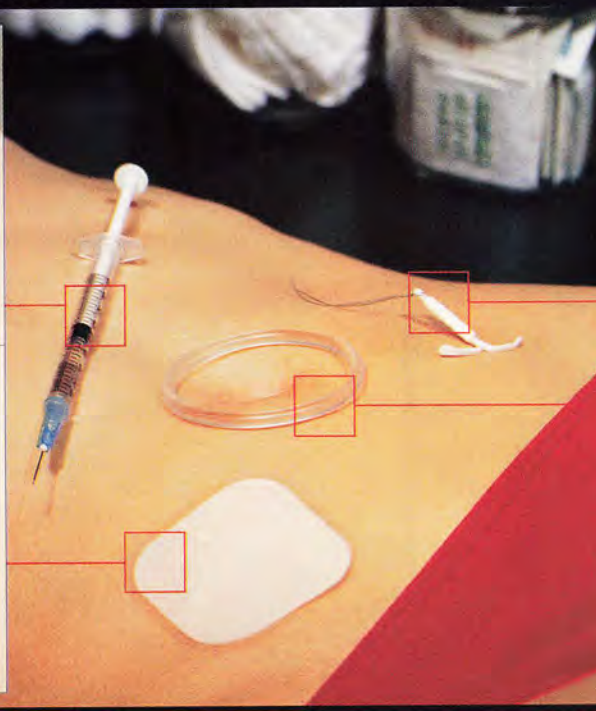
**Cons:** It could take 18 months for fertility to return. Many women experience prolonged spotting (yuck!) and/or loss of their sex drive (zoinks!). Silver lining: a rock-hard forearm muscle for you.

### 2. ORTHO EVRA

Releases the same stuff as the pill, but in a transdermal patch your girl sticks to her mud flap for a week at a time. (about \$30/month)

**Pros:** No pill to remember every morning, and it's still 99 percent effective when used correctly. Can double as a wart concealer!

**Cons:** Pill-like side effects include irregular spotting, cramps, headaches, or weight gain. Oh, yes, they are your problems. . . Read that list again. There's also a risk of rash at the application site.



### 3. MIRENA IUD

Every five years a doc inserts a small plastic device into your gal's uterus. It releases progestin to deflect sperm while making the uterus hostile to fertilized eggs. (about \$500)

**Pros:** It's safer than those creepy '70s Dalkon Shields, and fully reversible.

**Cons:** She might have a heavier crimson tide for the first few months of use. There's also a chance her uterus will expel the device without her noticing, so wear a protective helmet.

### 4. NUVARING

Same old hormone combo as the patch, but via a two-inch-wide soft plastic ring she slips inside her hootie once a month. (\$30/month)

**Pros:** It's easily removable in case she has side effects or you get the urge to procreate.

**Cons:** As with pill and patch, she might experience spotting, headaches, or weight gain.

### 5. THE SHALLOW HAL

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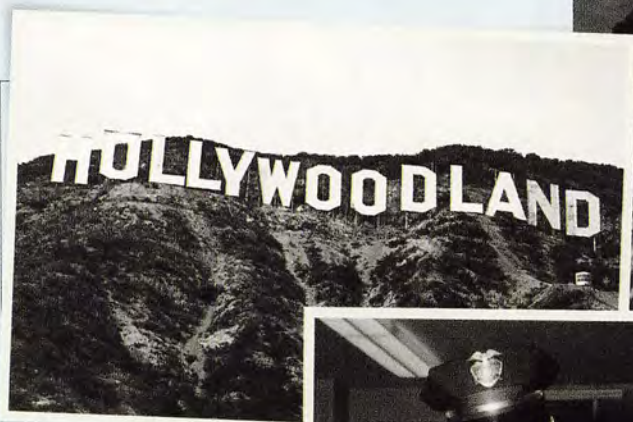
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**Clockwise from far left: The original Hollywood sign (circa 1924); Stompanato's corpse; a cop ponders the cheese tray; Lana Turner.**



## L.A.: The Scandal Tour!

Drug busts, unsolved murders, transvestite hookers—and that's just in the lobby of your hotel! Take a page from our L.A. confidential.

BY JON REGARDIE

**T**ourists flock to Los Angeles for two principal attractions: the sun and the stars. Both shine brightly year-round, and you're just as likely to enjoy a 75-degree day in January as you are to spot your favorite Baldwin brother at the local Kinko's (most likely behind the counter).

But just as the natives know that February brings rain as surely as that bus of aspiring starlets brings new talent to the porn industry, so too have they learned that scandals follow the stars. With so many fat egos, thick wallets, and scoop-hungry journalists crammed into one area, it's not surprising that celebrity sin is on permanent display as publicly as

the famous Hollywood sign. Sure, we all get in occasional trouble, but the famous are different from you and me—they get into hairy, Letterman-monologue-type trouble. Grisly murders, suicides, more deviant violations of the law than can possibly be named—there's a scandal for practically every address in this town. So hop into your convertible for a drive-by of the most accursed locations in the City of Angels.

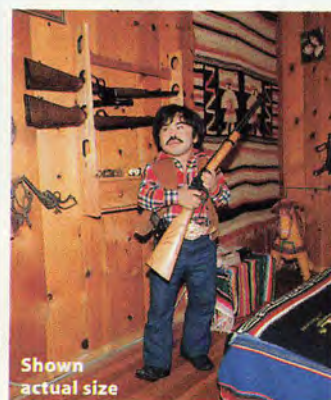
### Open and shut cases

First stop on the tragical history tour is what looks like another luxuriously nondescript Beverly Hills estate, 730 North Bedford Drive. It's here that mobster Johnny Stompanato got into a fight with his lover, actress Lana Turner, on April 4, 1958. Fearing for her mother's safety, Turner's 14-year-old daughter, Cheryl Crane, grabbed a kitchen knife and stabbed the wise guy in the stomach, killing him. As if getting

done in by a pimply adolescent wasn't mortifying enough, a jury took just 20 minutes to rule the act justifiable homicide.

It's just a short drive from there to the Petersen Automotive Museum (6060 Wilshire Blvd.), which hosted an ill-fated after-party for the 1997 Soul Train Music Awards. In the early hours of March 9, rotund rapper Notorious B.I.G., whose debut album was titled *Ready to Die*, was sitting in the front seat of a Chevy Suburban when a car rolled up alongside him. Suddenly, Biggie Smalls (born ▶

**With so many egos, it's no surprise celeb sin is as prominent as the Hollywood sign.**



**Shown actual size**





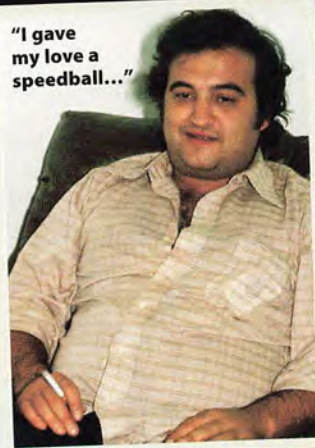
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**Clockwise from top: Marilyn puckers up; downers aren't a girl's best friend, as these pics of Monroe's suicide site and corpse prove.**



**"I gave my love a speedball..."**



Christopher Wallace) was sprayed with gunfire and, despite his estimable girth, was dead within moments. The police have yet to solve the murder, though the killing supplied Puff Daddy with enough material for his equally criminal Biggie tribute song, "I'll Be Missing You."

Continue on Wilshire until you reach the Ambassador Hotel (3400 Wilshire Blvd.), where, on June 5, 1968, presidential candidate Robert Kennedy had just delivered a speech following his victory in the California Democratic primary. As he passed through the hotel's pantry, Palestinian native Sirhan Sirhan lunged from the crowd and fired eight shots from a .22-caliber

pistol. As with his brother's death five years before, Robert Kennedy's assassination by a lone gunman sparked conspiracy theories, though it also conclusively demonstrated why you should never trust people who have the same first and last name.

Though the case is closed on this crime, the murder of Elizabeth Ann Short has remained unsolved for more than 50 years. The petite 22-year-old actress, whose penchant for black dresses earned her the nickname the Black Dahlia, was last seen alive January 9, 1947, when she went to meet her sister at the Regal Biltmore Hotel (506 South Grand Ave.). It wasn't until January 15, however, that her mutilated corpse, body sliced in two, was found in a lot (3925 South Norton Ave.) three miles from the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. No suspects were ever charged with committing the crime (though the Biltmore tastefully responded by adding a Black Dahlia cocktail to its menu), and to this day efforts to deduce a motive behind the brutal slaying

**Cocktails of cocaine and heroin left John Belushi a blue brother.**

have made about as much progress as O.J. Simpson's search for the *real* killers.

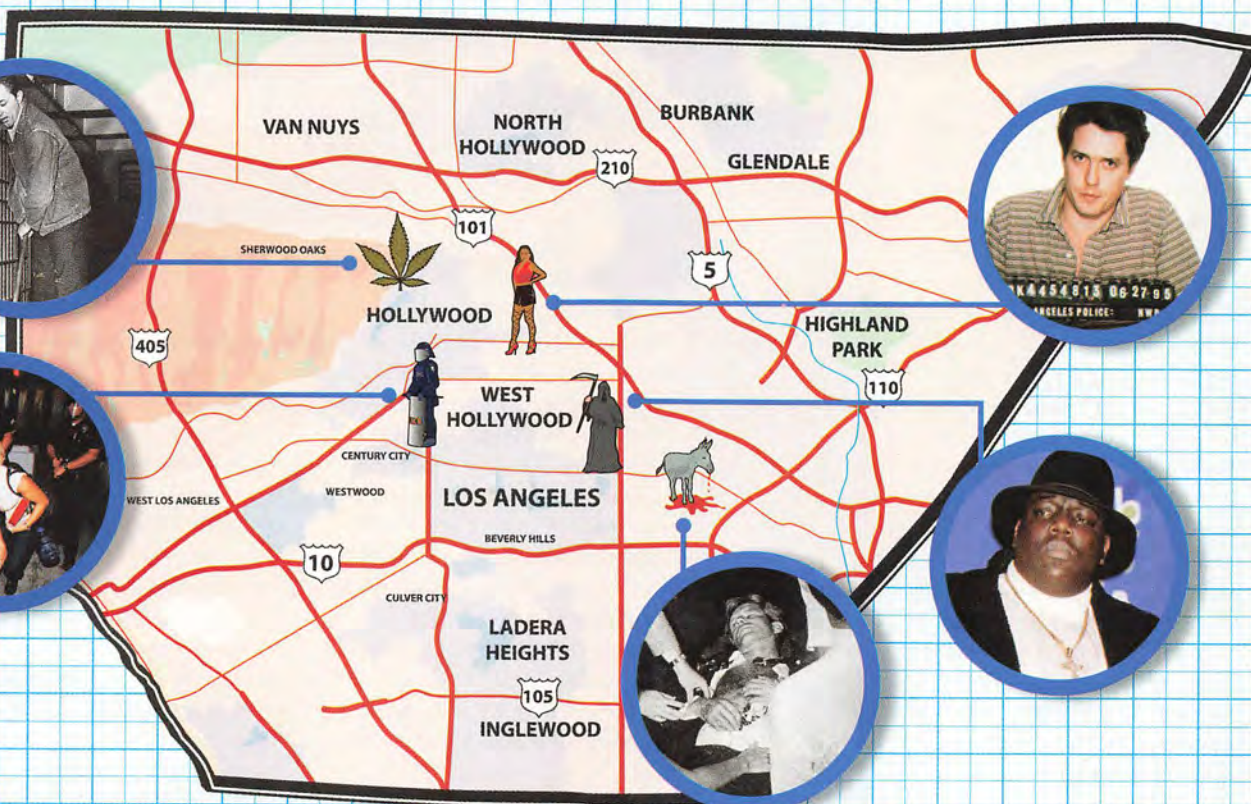
But try not to be too harsh on the LAPD—they're still busy solving the murder of William Desmond Taylor, whose killer has remained at large for more than 80 years. On February 1, 1922, the silent-film director was shot to death at his home just west of L.A.'s Downtown district (404-B South Alvarado St.). Of course, it didn't help that when Taylor's corpse was discovered—still in evening clothes and with a .38 bullet lodged in his neck—Paramount Studios brass rushed to "cleanse" the scene by removing liquor and love letters from hottie actresses like Mary Miles Minter and Mabel Normand (the Pam Andersons of their day). Taylor was later said to have been schtupping numerous ladies, including Minter's mother.

## Check out anytime you like

Next we head to Chateau Marmont (8221 Sunset Blvd.), a posh hotel that actors and rock-'n'-rollers have long treated like an amusement park. Jean Harlow and Greta Garbo both lived here, and a drug-addled Jim Morrison dangled from the hotel's roof. But the Marmont's main attraction is Bungalow No. 2, where on March 5, 1982, John Belushi burst like the zit he imitated in *Animal House*. During an intense night of partying, with cameos from pals Robin Williams and Robert De Niro, Belushi's companion Cathy Smith mixed the out-of-control



**From swanky Beverly Hills to downtown L.A., your guide to where all this illicit stuff went down.**



**Bob Mitchum**  
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*NewsRadio* star Andy Dick did not get off so easily. Hollywood's angel of death—his pals Chris Farley, Phil Hartman, and *Sud-* ▶



denly Susan star David Strickland all died of unnatural causes—ran his Nissan Altima into a utility pole at the corner of Highland Ave. and Camrose on May 15, 1999. Dick tried to wiggle free but was grabbed (quit snickering) by witnesses. Police found pot and coke in the car and arrested him, but after being released on \$10,000 bail, Dick limped into rehab and went, uh, straight.

From here head north into Laurel Canyon, where on the night of August 31, 1948, Robert Mitchum, an Oscar nominee for 1945's *The Story of G.I. Joe*, stopped by the home of actress Lila Leeds (8443 Ridpath Dr.). The tough-guy actor wasn't just visiting to say hi: When he, Leeds, and two others lit up joints, police stormed the scene and arrested them on marijuana charges. Mitchum served about two months at the Castaic Honor Farm; upon his release, he declared, "That farm was just like a weekend in Palm Springs—great for getting into shape."

## Downey and out

No L.A. tour would be complete without a maddening, windshield-smashing taste of freeway traffic, so hop on Interstate 10 west until



**Black Dahlia Elizabeth Ann Short's creepy corpse and equally creepy head shot**



**The Black Dahlia's body was split in two and left to rot in an L.A. lot.**

it flows into the Pacific Coast Highway. A few miles and several hours later, you'll come to Malibu, the stomping ground of numerous stars, including one Robert Downey Jr. On July 16, 1996—only a month after being arrested on drug and gun charges—the high-as-a-kite star of *Less Than Zero* wandered into the home of neighbor Lisa Curtis, and as instinct dictated, went to sleep in one of the Curtis children's beds, where police gently shook the sleepyhead awake. Downey has since scored straight-to-video productions from the showers of the Los Angeles County Jail.

Our final stop marks perhaps Los Angeles' most misunderstood scandal: On August 10, 2000, *Maxim* itself staged a fund-raiser

at the Farmer's Daughter Motel (115 South Fairfax Ave.), where Hollywood stars were invited to sip herbal tea and nibble biscuits, all in the name of helping starving Malaysian orphans (generous, deep-pocketed benefactors got to play with a basket of cuddly kittens). But so many good-hearted souls showed up that L.A. Fire Department officials soon shut down the event. Sure, the local media may have reported that an unruly crowd, alcohol, and fist-fights led to the party's demise, but that's just sour grapes. Next month: The Scandal Tour of Topeka, Kansas. **M**

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## DISORDER IN THE COURT

Before there was O.J. and Zsa Zsa Gabor, Los Angeles was home to these equally infamous trials of the century.



### CHARLIE CHAPLIN'S DIVORCE TRIAL (1926)

In 1924, 35-year-old Chaplin married Lita Grey, 16 and pregnant with his child, in Empalme, Mexico. When they broke up two years later, the press couldn't keep silent—not after Grey's 42-page divorce petition, filled with tales of the film star's sexual escapades, was leaked to the media. **Verdict:** The little tramp (uh, that's Chaplin) had to cough up \$825,000, then the largest divorce settlement ever awarded.



### ROBIN HOOD'S RAPE TRIAL (1942)

Moviegoers were shocked when marquee idol and Robin Hood incarnate Errol Flynn stood accused of swashing the buckles of two underage girls—one who claimed that she had sex with Flynn and another who alleged that the actor raped her aboard his yacht. **Verdict:** After more than 24 hours of deliberations, Flynn walked... and hightailed it to Mexico with a 17-year-old cigarette girl. Would that be out like Flynn?



### CLARA BOW'S EMBEZZLEMENT TRIAL (1931)

When "it" girl Clara Bow accused her secretary, Daisy DeVoe, of embezzlement, DeVoe responded by selling details of Bow's private life to a tabloid, including allegations that she had serviced the entire USC football team. **Hike! Verdict:** Though the jury found DeVoe guilty and the judge sentenced her to 18 months, Bow had a nervous breakdown, and her acting career was essentially over. But she always got good seats at USC games.



### LEE MARVIN'S PALIMONY TRIAL (1976)

Hard-boiled actor Lee Marvin enjoyed a six-year live-in relationship with Michelle Triola, until the day he told her he was marrying someone else. Triola sued for \$1.8 million, claiming the two had agreed to combine their earnings and that she'd sacrificed her career for him. **Verdict:** The judgment gave Triola \$104,000, taught us the word "palimony," and sent a nation's balls scurrying up into rib cages. —J.R.





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**Before I stick my finger where you don't want it, make sure I'm board-certified.**

busy drooling over your wallet like Star Jones at an all-you-can-eat cheesecake buffet, I'm going to show you how to head him off at the quadruple bypass.

## Choose your poison

I may not perform brain surgery on cloned Siamese twins, but that doesn't mean I can't fix your ass when it's broken. In fact, about 85 percent of all medical problems can be treated by a primary care physician. But before you let me stick my lubed finger someplace you don't want it—or, God

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Like porn stars and Wal-Mart greeters, how old I am can play a factor in my line of work. There are good and bad doctors of all ▶





**"It was around 3 a.m.**

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— Jesse Bonner, 72

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ages, but your best bet is to find a doctor who's been out of medical school for five years or so; he'll have experience but won't be so ancient that he hasn't had state-of-the-art training. Even if you book an appointment with a great doctor, you may end up being seen by Skippy the Internist. Fact is, you could wait months if you demand to see only me. But if you return to the same clinic or office again and again, they'll start to recognize you and fit you in with whatever doc you prefer.

## Don't get taken

Schedule your appointment on a midweek morning to reduce the likelihood that you'll languish in my waiting room. Meanwhile, I'll check your insurance before I ever check your temperature. If you're in an HMO, it's in my best interest to hurriedly discuss your medical history, ask you some relevant questions, and perform minor procedures—I'm paid according to how much I do to you, not by how much time I spend with you. In fact, if I'm practicing in a managed-care environment, I'll schedule one patient every seven minutes in



"Why, here's what's causing your back pain—this gigantic screw! That'll be \$800."

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the hopes that everything will function like a White Castle drive-thru window at lunchtime.

That said, be proactive if you want better care. The vast majority of my diagnosis comes from your answers to my questions. So tell me what your symptoms are—even if you feel it's unmanly. I may only run tests (i.e., cost you more money and time) if I can't figure something out by chatting with you. After I finish my interrogation, feel free to conduct one

of your own; after all, you're paying for my expertise, not for the fashionable assless paper gown.

Need a prescription filled? If the most effective drug for you isn't preferred by your HMO, I may not prescribe it because it'll mean a ton of extra red tape for me. Instead, look for a doc who sees some patients who aren't in HMOs; he won't be handcuffed by a list of approved meds. If you're paying out-of-pocket and money is an issue, request

## DOCTOR EVIL

Check out these real-life—and real sick—medical horror stories.

### ALL IN THE FAMILY

"My primary care physician is an old family friend who treats all the men in my family. Last year I had to get an HIV test when I found out my girlfriend was sleeping with another guy... OK, with two other guys. A week later my conservative father took my grandfather to get a checkup, and as they were leaving the doc said, 'Tell Rick his AIDS test was negative.' I was nearly written out of the will." —Rick, 26

### TYING IT ALL TOGETHER

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### TRUTH DECAY

"Not long after moving to a new city, I went to a dentist recommended by a coworker. I hadn't gotten my teeth cleaned for years, but I still brushed the damn things. So I was more than a little surprised when I was told I had 10 cavities. I freaked out but had the sense to go to another dentist for a second opinion. His diagnosis? Zero cavities; the bastard was just trying to take my money." —Jason, 30

### RASH DECISION

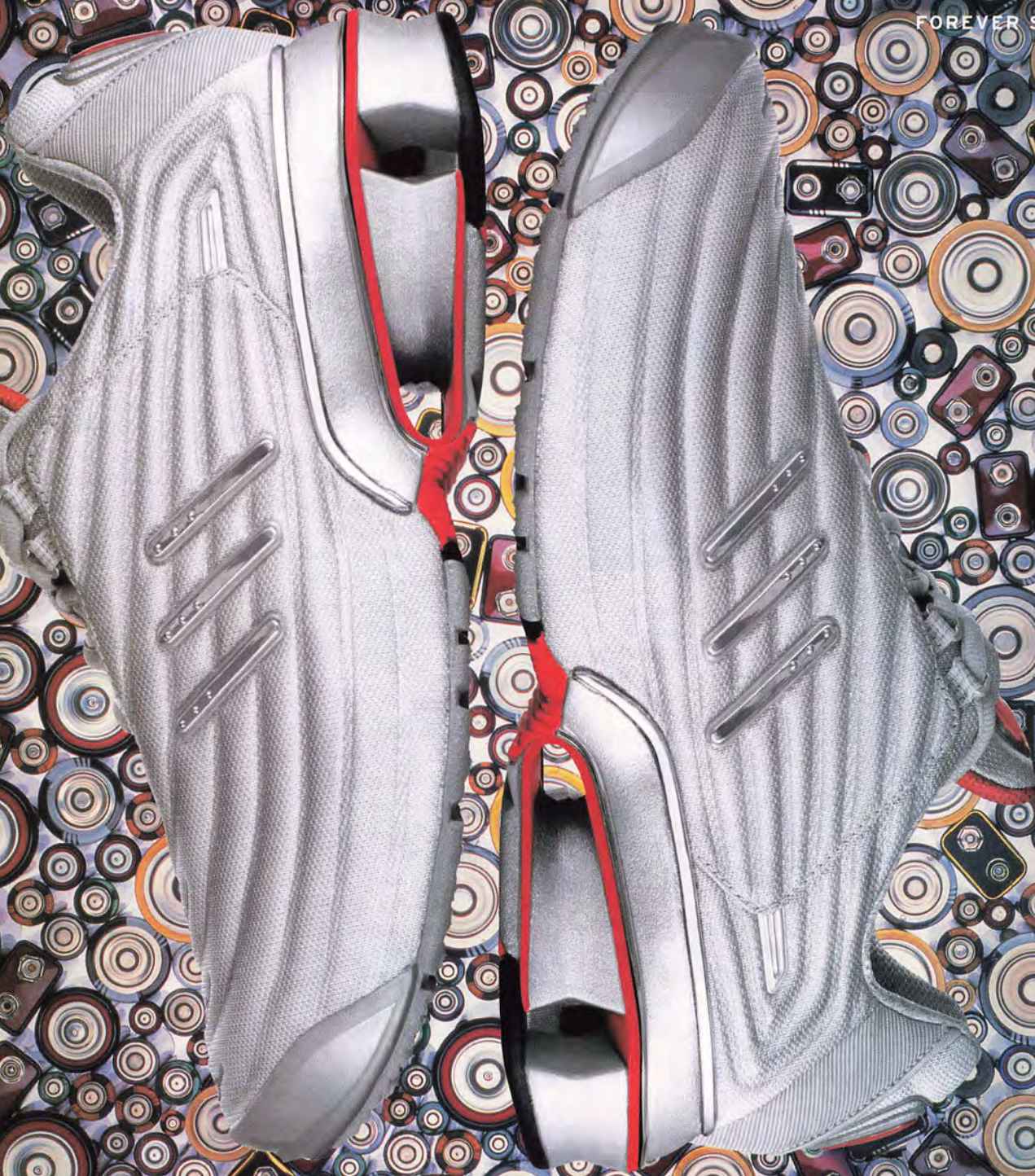
"I had just started sleeping with this girl and we were reckless about condom use, so I freaked out when my penis became red and irritated. After my doctor said it could be an STD, I went home and blasted the girl. Then he calls me back and tells me he forgot I was on antibiotics—turns out I'd developed a yeast infection. I never saw the girl again, plus I had to wait out the itchy willy." —Dutch, 27



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generic meds; they'll get the job done but may have a few more side effects. [Continence is overrated!—*ed.*] If I'm doing blood or any other lab work on you, make sure I'm sending it to a lab your insurance covers, not just to a lab with which I'm "friendly." Otherwise, brace yourself for a megabill.

If I suggest a PSA (prostate cancer screening), an EKG (electrocardiogram), or a treadmill test (treadmill test), you should probably ask about alternatives. All three are unnecessary for guys younger than 35 years old with no family history of heart or prostate disease. And their skewed results often lead to more diagnostic tests, biopsies, and ultrasounds your insurance often won't cover. If I still insist on doing them, demand that I tell you why. Remember: Nothing compares to the peace of mind that comes with knowing your copremesis isn't terminal.

## Make me sweat

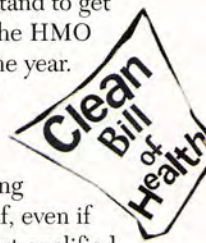
Now that I've figured out what's wrong with you, ask if your insurance covers the treatment I recommend—then ask me for cheaper alternatives. I have to be honest with you to protect myself should I end up in court. I'll often know of several options for your condition but face a financial penalty if I don't recommend one favored by the HMO. In fact, if I repeatedly pick the cheapest procedures, I stand to get a bonus from the HMO at the end of the year.

Chances are I'm going to try and fix whatever's wrong with you myself, even if I'm not the most qualified person to do it. That's how it works with HMOs. So ask me when I last performed the procedure and how often I've done it. I'm obligated to tell the truth in case something goes wrong. If I



haven't scoped a knee since people thought George Michael was straight, tell me you'd prefer someone else. But keep in mind that unless you give me other instructions, I'll always recommend someone friendly to your HMO. If I don't, it may exempt me from doing your follow-up care. It's similar to how the warranty on my Lamborghini would be canceled if I took it to someone other than a dealer—well, you know how *that* is.

Oh, and about your permanent record: Don't sweat it. If I ask if you use marijuana, sniff glue, or frequent opium dens patronized by bounty hunters, answer. It's unethical (read: I don't want to get friggin' sued) for me to spill the beans without your consent, unless you're in danger of dying. Always ask to check your medical records if you're getting a new insurance policy through an employer. Remember that time you shared heroin needles with Sudanese hookers? In many states you have the right to ask me to withhold from insurance providers information about your drug use or sex life. There now, that wasn't so bad, was it? On second thought, don't answer that... **M**



"Who needs a doctor when I have a crayon!"



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# Hot Zone

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Boy bands  
ain't what they  
used to be.

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5'6"

5'0"

4'6"

4'0"

3'6"

3'0"

## CHRISTOPHER

**A.k.a.:** Christopher Moltisanti, crew soldier and sometime cokehead. **Last known whereabouts:** Dining on ketchup packets in the Pine Barrens; getting busted for bookmaking; being made a, er, made man. **Open case:** Will Carmela's cousin keep screwing up and still stay on Tony's good side? **Odds to survive season:** 4-1

## TONY

**A.k.a.:** Anthony Soprano, crew boss. **Last known whereabouts:** Faking sorrow at Jackie Jr.'s funeral; settling beef between Paulie and Ralph; threatening to ship son's lumpy ass to military school. **Open case:** Can he keep his own crew in line, his rivals at bay, and still make his therapy appointment? **Odds to survive season:** 10-1

## SILVIO

**A.k.a.:** Silvio Dante, trusted *consigliere*. **Last known whereabouts:** Running the Bada Bing strip club; advising Tony to make nice with hothead thug Ralphie. **Open case:** Will Tony ever figure out that Silvio's alter ego—a.k.a. Little Steven—has been working for a certain other New Jersey "boss"? **Odds to survive season:** 5-1



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THE NEXT BIG THING

# THE MOB SQUAD

*Just when we thought we'd have to join the FBI to see The Sopranos again, new episodes start September 15. Here's a catch-up dossier on our favorite wise guys.*



## UNCLE JUNIOR

**A.k.a.:** Corrado "Junior" Soprano, cranky former boss. **Last known whereabouts:** Singing at Jackie's wake; sweating upcoming RICO trial. **Open case:** Will beating the "big casino" make him challenge Tony? Will he ever top the line "Federal marshals are so far up my ass I can taste Brylcreem"? **Odds to survive season:** 3-2

## PAULIE

**A.k.a.:** Peter "Paulie Walnuts" Gualtieri, crew capo. **Last known whereabouts:** Botching the hit of a Russian mobster; cozying up to Tony's crime lord rival; sniffing Adriana's undies. **Open case:** Is he so pissed at Tony that he'll risk getting his precious hair mussed...by a bullet? **Odds to survive season:** Even—at best

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A LITTLE IN 'N' OUT

## THE MAXIM REPORT

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### FIRST SIGN OF FALL

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Obstructed view of stage

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Win on Survivor 5

Mug a crooked CEO

### BRITNEY'S VMA DATE

Justin

The Olsen twins

### MR. T CATCH PHRASE

"I pity the fool!"



"Don't gimme no jibber-jabber!"





"Who has the shallowest groupies? We do!"

## TOP SPIN

# QUEENS OF THE STONE AGE

Songs for the Deaf (Interscope)

**Hear that rumbling?** *Songs for the Deaf* is the third album from these California desert-fried freaks—and it hits like an A-bomb. Guitar squalls blast through punishing grooves as the Queens' towering twosome, guitarist-vocalist Josh Homme and bassist-vocalist Nick Oliveri, remind us that sex, drugs, and rock'n'roll need not come with a side dish of postadolescent whining. Along the way snippets of insipid disc jockey banter reveal the album's quasi-concept: Kill your radio before it kills you. Dave Grohl mans the drums for most of the album, and the way he pounds, you'd think he's trying to punch a hole straight back to his Nirvana days. It's not all thrash and bash: An insidious melody lurks beneath the British Invasion-style "No One Knows." It's probably not fair to expect QOTSA to single-handedly revive rock's carcass, but this is a definite near-miracle.—David Peisner



## Like this? Try these...

### Monster Magnet

*Powertrip*  
A&M, 1998

### Black Sabbath

*Paranoid*  
Warner Bros., 1971

### Motörhead

*Overkill*  
Bronze, 1979



### Sparta

*Wiretap Scars*  
(DreamWorks)

Yelling is a talent like any other—and Sparta's Jim Ward has it down. On the emo-rockers' first full-length, he sounds like music's answer to Al Pacino, rasping with passion, pitch, and even a little tunefulness. The band, including refugees from the late At the Drive-In, can go from simmer to boil in a nanosecond. Blasts like "Collapse" career between tension-fraught melodies and guitar-burning fury, suggesting a hybrid of Weezer and Foo Fighters. That's something worth hollering about.—D.P.



### Bruce Springsteen

*The Rising*  
(Columbia Records)

On his recent reunion tour with the E Street Band, Springsteen showed more spirit than he had in years. But 9/11 affected the Boss deeply, and *Rising* bears the scars. We expected the American icon to pen odes to fallen heroes ("Into the Fire") and lost loved ones. Unfortunately, these tunes are more heartfelt than inspired, and the somber vibe overshadows brilliant new material like the rousing "Mary's Place." His best since *Born in the U.S.A.*? Yes. But with a bit less eulogizing, it could've lifted all our spirits.—Dan Catalano



### Jimmy Fallon

*The Bathroom Wall*  
(DreamWorks)

If *SNL* pinup boy Fallon loses his regular gig, he can always front a bitchin' cover band. Musical parodies are the biggest club in his comedic bag, and spot-on impersonations of Dave Matthews, U2, and Alanis earn the loudest guffaws on his first comedy album. Original songs, ranging from Beasties-style rap to sad-eyed country, are less gut-busting. And while college fans will dig jokes about dorm life, we'll find wit the old-fashioned way—scrawled on a real bathroom wall.—Victor Blair



### Coldplay

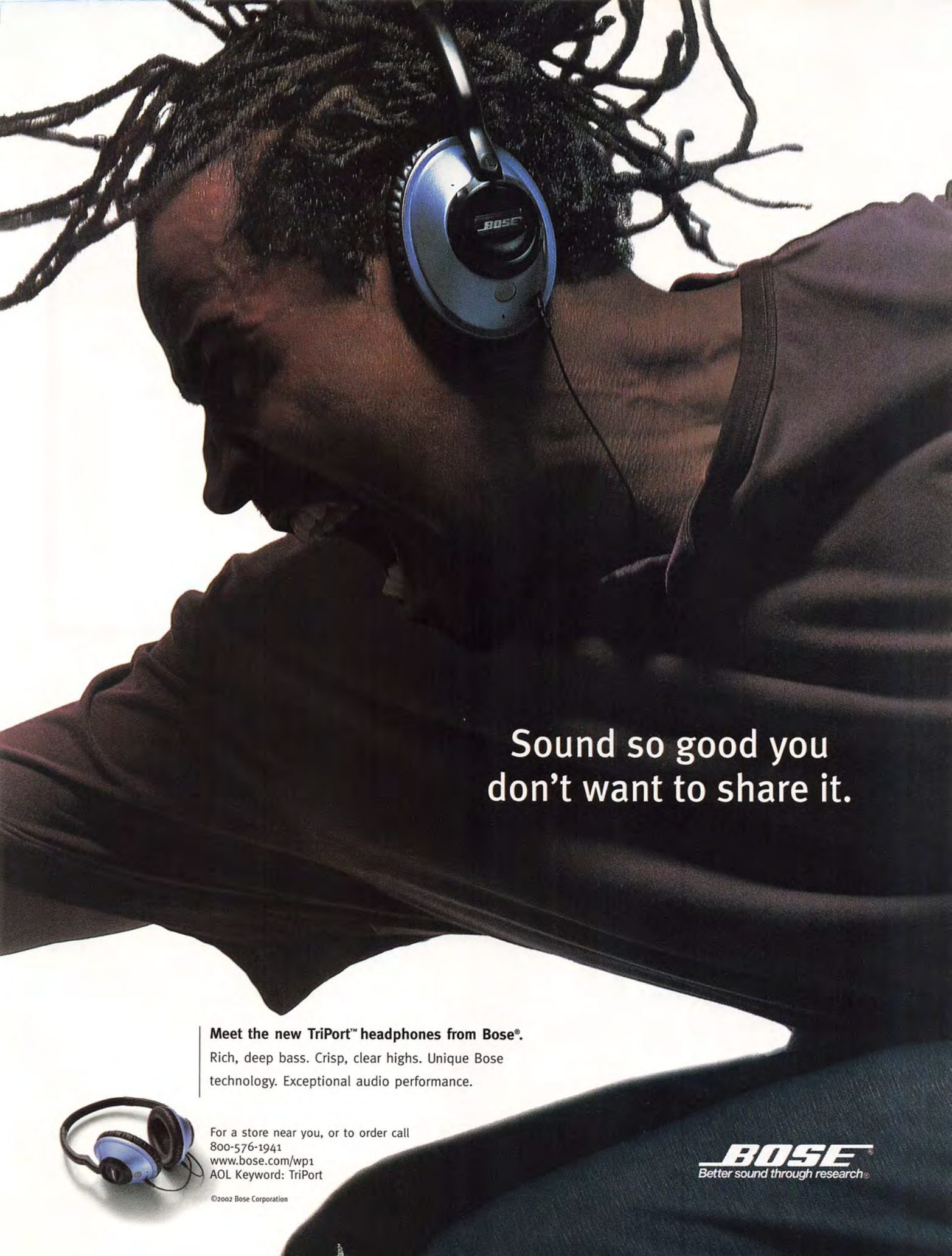
*A Rush of Blood to the Head*  
(Capitol)

Coldplay's 2000 hit "Yellow" earned them a rep as a watered-down Radiohead. Their second album suggests that such criticism was an insult to all the other watered-down Radioheads. Maybe that's a bit harsh—while nothing here is remotely surprising, it all sounds overwhelmingly...OK. Lush pop hooks fall from a chorus of guitars, piano, and strings, but Coldplay stick them into lifeless tunes and play like drowsy geriatrics roused from afternoon naps. They have our permission to go back to sleep.—D.P.



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**It's odd how Willis can make heartbreak sound so damn pleasant.**

### Kelly Willis

**Easy** (Rykodisc)  
Willis is blessed with traffic-stopping looks and a strong, earthy voice, but after more than a decade in country music, she's still not a household name. And this effort, though packed with solid songs and a crack band, won't remedy the situation. Her voice soars comfortably

across a lazy groove on "Wait Until Dark" and "Reason to Believe," but there's something odd about the way she makes heartbreak sound so damn pleasant. Even on the bluegrass rave-up "You Can't Take It With You," Willis seems to hold back. Easy, huh? Maybe a little too easy.—D.P.



### Xzibit

#### Man vs. Machine

(Columbia Records)

Xzibit's got a nasty mouth, but—unlike Eminem—he loves his momma. With "I Miss You," a hip-hop epitaph to his late mother, we see X's soft side. For the rest of *Man vs. Machine*, he employs his guttural growl to nail those dumb enough to have "fucked with him." If you like the hard stuff, you too will shout out with glee, "X to the muthafuckin' Z!"—Bill Crandall



### Uncle Kracker

#### No Stranger to Shame

(Lava/Atlantic)

Kracker, a.k.a. Kid Rock's DJ, loves music. He sings odes to Memphis soul and even covers Dobie Gray's "Drift Away." Too bad he's lousy at it. Whether trying to be a tough-guy rapper or a hipster hick, he can't match the charisma or pipes of his master. Kracker wants to be an American badass, but he comes off like just another meathead doing karaoke.—B.C.



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**Kelley:** In 1994 we were opening on tour for Nirvana. We had a tour bus, and we were leaving Miami, and the band just left me.

**Kim:** Oh, my God. In Miami! That was so funny. Our dad was there then, too.

**Kelley:** Why are you laughing? It's not that funny!

**Kim:** It was an accident. We were hours away before we realized that poor Kelley wasn't anywhere on the RV.

**Kelley:** Anyway, the Nirvana guys were staying in another hotel. I had their number, and I copped a ride with them to the next gig. We were the opening band, so we had to

be there earlier. It was close whether or not I would make it. So five minutes before we were supposed to play, I pulled up. I ran backstage, and what Kim had created—with the help of my dad, no less—

was a drawn picture of me, with a real shirt and pants, on a hanger. They put a cigarette in my mouth and a bottle of Jack Daniel's in my hand, and they were gonna hang it on the microphone in

lieu of me.

**Kim:** Actually, I don't think Kelley ever made it. I think that other person played the show. And it was the best show we ever did.



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|    | <b>Ecks vs. Sever</b><br>(Warner Bros.)<br>Release date:<br>September 27 | Lucy Liu,<br>Antonio<br>Banderas                                      | Sever (Liu) is a rogue government assassin. Ecks (Banderas) is a veteran FBI profiler out to stop her no matter what. And you really don't want to get caught in the middle.       | For such a sweet little thing, Liu sure knows how to blow shit up!                                  |  Ecks-cellent. We spy with our little eye...a nonstop thrill ride with enough action to make folks in the next theater deaf. |
|    | <b>A Guy Thing</b><br>(MGM)<br>Release date:<br>September 20             | Jason Lee,<br>Julia Stiles,<br>Selma Blair                            | Lucky groom Jason Lee's bachelor party ends the perfect way—waking up with Julia Stiles. Too bad she's his fiancée's cousin, which leads to all sorts of prenuptial nuttiness.     | Hey, maybe we hit the sack with Julia Stiles and can't remember it, either!                         | When a movie calls itself <i>A Guy Thing</i> , we know it's really a chick flick. But a jokey chick flick that probably won't make us commit hara-kiri in our popcorn.                                          |
|    | <b>FeardotCom</b><br>(Warner Bros.)<br>Release date:<br>August 30        | Stephen Dorff,<br>Natascha McElhone,<br>Stephen Rea                   | When visitors to a freaky sex Web site start dying gruesome deaths, a cop and a health department hottie suspect a force more evil than that Pets.com puppet.                      | Porn on the Internet? Where does one find <i>that</i> ?                                             | WaitForCable.com. You want scary? Then skip this so-five-minutes-ago dog and check out our tech-heavy stock portfolio. Aaaaaaeeeeeee!                                                                           |
|   | <b>Formula 51</b><br>(Screen Gems)<br>Release date:<br>August 30         | Samuel L. Jackson,<br>Robert Carlyle,<br>Emily Mortimer,<br>Meat Loaf | A streetwise chemist (Mr. Jackson, if you're nasty) concocts a brain-bending drug but gets in over his head by double-crossing his boss and hustling it to a Liverpool crime lord. | English bobbies may not carry guns, but it seems that everybody else over there packs two or three. | Just say yes. If you're jonesing for shootouts and wicked laughs, this hip caper could be very habit-forming.                                                                                                   |
|  | <b>Trapped</b><br>(Columbia)<br>Release date:<br>September 20            | Charlize Theron,<br>Kevin Bacon,<br>Stuart Townsend,<br>Courtney Love | A wealthy, perfect couple and their kid are separately abducted as part of an extortion scheme. So that reservation at Spago is probably out.                                      | To get her child back, Charlize isn't above bedding her captor—or pulling a (gulp) scalpel on him.  | We're caught. Though yuppies-in-peril thrillers are old news, Charlize and Courtney bait this trap with some irresistible cheesecake.                                                                           |
|  | <b>Four Feathers</b><br>(Paramount)<br>Release date:<br>September 13     | Heath Ledger,<br>Wes Bentley,<br>Kate Hudson                          | When a 19th-century British officer (Ledger) is accused of cowardice, he does the only sensible thing: disguises himself as an Arab to save his regiment.                          | Watch the Brits keep stiff upper lips while being shot to bits!                                     | Pluck that. You know a battle must have been boring when you've never even seen it on the History Channel.                                                                                                      |

## EJECTION SEAT

### THE RENTS

*C'mon, do you really want advice from the geek at the video store?*

**Blade II** Superbad vampire killer Wesley Snipes teams up with a Nosferatu commando squad to wage war on a new, improved vampire strain. Unlike Blade's foes, this slick, action-packed creep show doesn't suck. (August 30)

**Hollywood Ending** Woody Allen plays a neurotic Oscar-winning director in desperate need of a come-

back hit. You'd think there's a great joke in there somewhere...if you hadn't seen a Woody Allen movie in a few years. (September 17)

**Monsters, Inc.** To recap: When Pixar's animated beasties pop out of the closet, it's surprising fun for the whole family. When Rosie O'Donnell does it, it's no surprise to anyone. (September 17)



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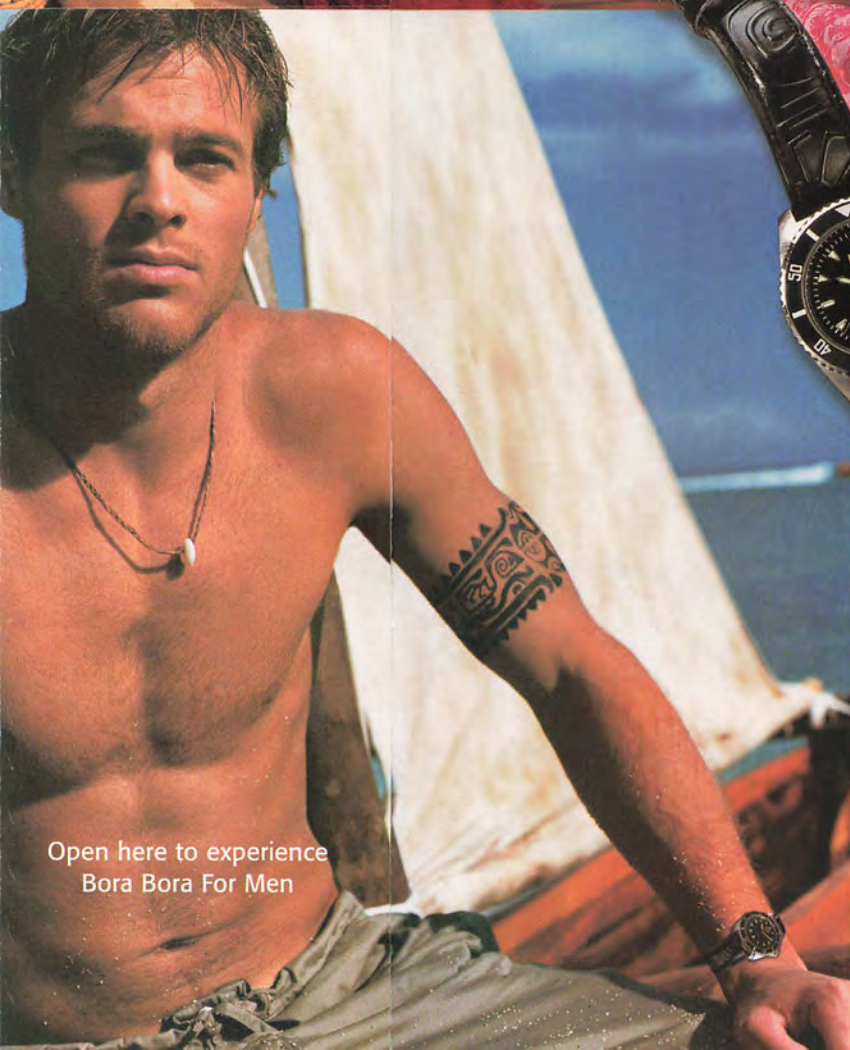
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# DOG DAYS

As classic crime flick *Reservoir Dogs* hits its 10th anniversary, tough guy costar Michael Madsen has a few things to say. We're all ear.

**Hard to believe** It's been a decade since the heist-gone-wrong drama *Reservoir Dogs* made writer-director Quentin Tarantino a household name and taught us all the true meaning of "Like a Virgin." With an anniversary edition *Dogs* DVD due this month, actor Michael Madsen, who scared us silly with his portrayal of cop-torturer Mr. Blonde, digs up a few choice bones about the classic flick.

## OK, FIRST THINGS FUCKING LAST!

"My casting was a combination of Quentin having me in mind and Harvey [Keitel] knowing me from *Thelma & Louise*. They contacted me to consider playing Mr. Blonde, but I really wanted to be Mr. Pink. I thought he had much more dialogue. So I went in and read as Mr. Pink, and Quentin kept nodding politely, 'OK, Mike, sure. And when it was over, he said, 'Would you like to play Mr. Blonde, or do you not want to be in the movie?'"

## YOU'RE A BIG LEE MARVIN FAN, AREN'T YOU?

"All the guys who made *Dogs* did it for the same reason: We just wanted to be in a cool gangster picture. Nobody got paid anything—everybody got scale. They told us all to

show up in black suits because they didn't have any wardrobe for anybody. Take a look—you'll see that Steve Buscemi has black jeans on because he didn't own black dress pants. I didn't have any black dress shoes. The only thing I had was this damn pair of cowboy boots, so I put 'em on and pulled my slacks over them, and those end up being my trademark boots the razor comes out of."

## LET'S GET RAMBLING

"We shot the pancake house stuff first, and it was tense because everybody was trying to be cool. It was pretty bitchin' to be sitting there with Harvey, because he did all those Scorsese pictures, so we were all trying to out-Harvey Harvey. Quentin wanted Lawrence Tierney to glance back and forth throughout the conversation, but Lawrence felt that he was going to come off as dumb. At one point he charged up from the table: 'You're trying to make a fuckin' monkey outta me!' I was holding Lawrence back and Harvey was holding Quentin back because those two were gonna rip each other's heads off."

"Memorieees...like the corners of my really twisted mind..."

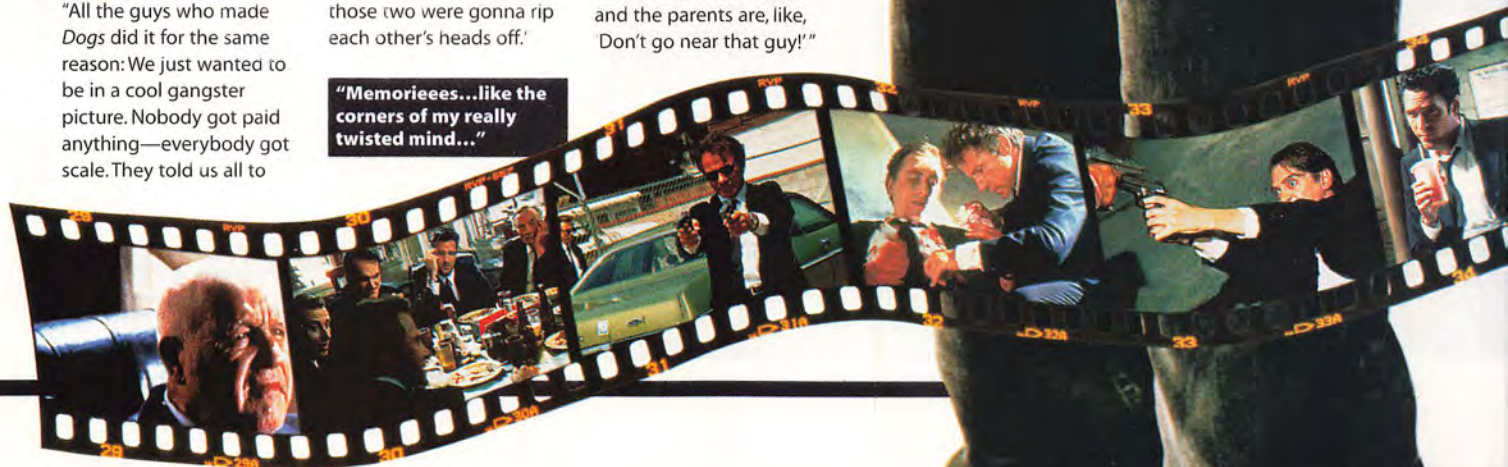
## SUPER SOUNDS OF THE '70S

"The difficulty about doing a scene like the cop torture is that you have to separate yourself psychologically. I wasn't keen on some of the dialogue, and I certainly didn't want to set him on fire. We shot three different versions: one where I played right into the lens of the camera, another that's very explicit, where you actually saw the ear come off, and the version that's in the film. It's so effective—I think people left the theater thinking they'd seen something they didn't actually see."

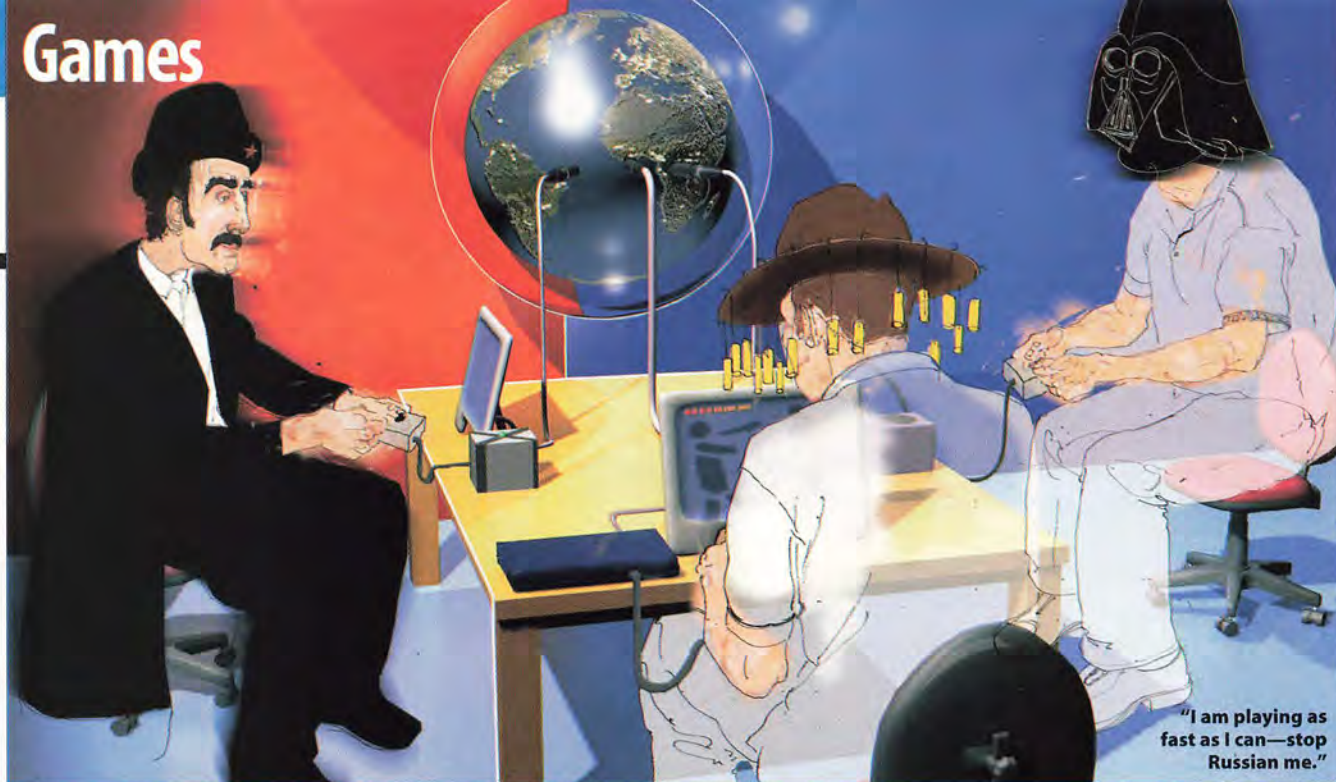
## ACTING LIKE A PROFESSIONAL

"We used to joke about a sequel—that it would be called *Dogs in Hell* and it would be all of us down there working on our karma. The oddest thing is when children recognize me from *Free Willy* and their parents recognize me from *Reservoir Dogs*. The kids are, like, 'There's Glen!' and the parents are, like, 'Don't go near that guy!'"

"Yer lucky I'm outta rubber bands."







## STATE OF THE ART

# GANG PLAY

*As consoles go online, gamers prepare to waste time on a global scale.*

Wouldn't it be swell to come home from work and play a little *NFL Fever* with some friends without getting your fridge pillaged or your cherished collection of porcelain figurines mocked? Damn right it would, and finally the major game-console

companies are making good on their promise to take you online to play Xbox, PS2, and GameCube multiplayer games.

Microsoft's new service, Xbox Live, sidesteps the fiddly configuring you endure with a PC by utilizing the console's built-in broadband connector. After a moronproof sign-up process, you can play *Halo* against competitors

down the block—or in the former Soviet bloc. For a \$50 kickoff cost, players get a year of thumb candy (not including DSL or cable modem service fees), demo games, and a drive-through-style headset for talking real-time trash to opponents. (Voice masking even lets you disguise your squeals for mercy.) Since Microsoft plans to shell out millions over the next five years to support (and control) the whole operation, it's expecting players to pony up for the required broadband. "Playing games on a dial-up connection is like sucking pizza through a straw," notes Xbox general manager J. Allard. "It's possible, but unsatisfying."

Sony is taking a more hands-off strategy for its PS2. The games require no monthly fees beyond standard Internet connection costs, and a \$40 network connector allows dial-up and broadband options. "We're trying to ease players from offline to online," reasons PlayStation COO Kaz Harai. But their kickoff online game, *SOCOM: US Navy Seals*, will work only on DSL or cable modem. Using a headset to bark

commands demonstrates the promise of network gaming, though players are likely to find the "bravo-alpha-Juliet" gobbledygook a bit baffling in actual practice.

Meanwhile, the folks at Nintendo are willing to let the other guys play pioneer while they sit back and see how it all plays out. Though planning for a Japanese launch of the multiplayer *Phantasy Star Online* for GameCube, they remain cautious about the impact of network gaming. "You can really only have a handful of titles that can make money online," says Nintendo director Shigeru Miyamoto. The real question is whether even hardcore gamers are willing to take the leap to high-speed home Internet connections just to play on a network. Xbox's Allard is betting they are. "Like HBO, MTV, and ESPN convinced people that they needed cable TV, this is the content people have been waiting for in broadband," he says. OK, but tell that to our old Sega Dreamcast, the first console with a built-in modem...that thing over there holding the door open.—Alex Porter

## PLAYTIME

# NET WORTHY

*Here are a few big titles ready to clog up the online pipeline.*

### TOM CLANCY'S GHOST RECON

(Ubi Soft—Xbox) Online commandos rescue hostages and blow away terrorists. The game is loaded with military authenticity, so who cares that in reality you can't muster one lousy push-up?

### SEGA SPORTS NFL 2K3

(Sega—Xbox, PS2) Put on the live-chat headset and hear a nine-year-old scream "Who's your daddy!" as he whoops your ass in pixel pigskin. Yeah, well, at least you don't think the cheerleaders have cooties.

### FINAL FANTASY XI

(Square Electronic Arts—PS2) This incarnation features real-time interaction and multiplayer quests. Extras include customizable characters and the opportunity to become a global village idiot.

### TWISTED METAL: BLACK ONLINE

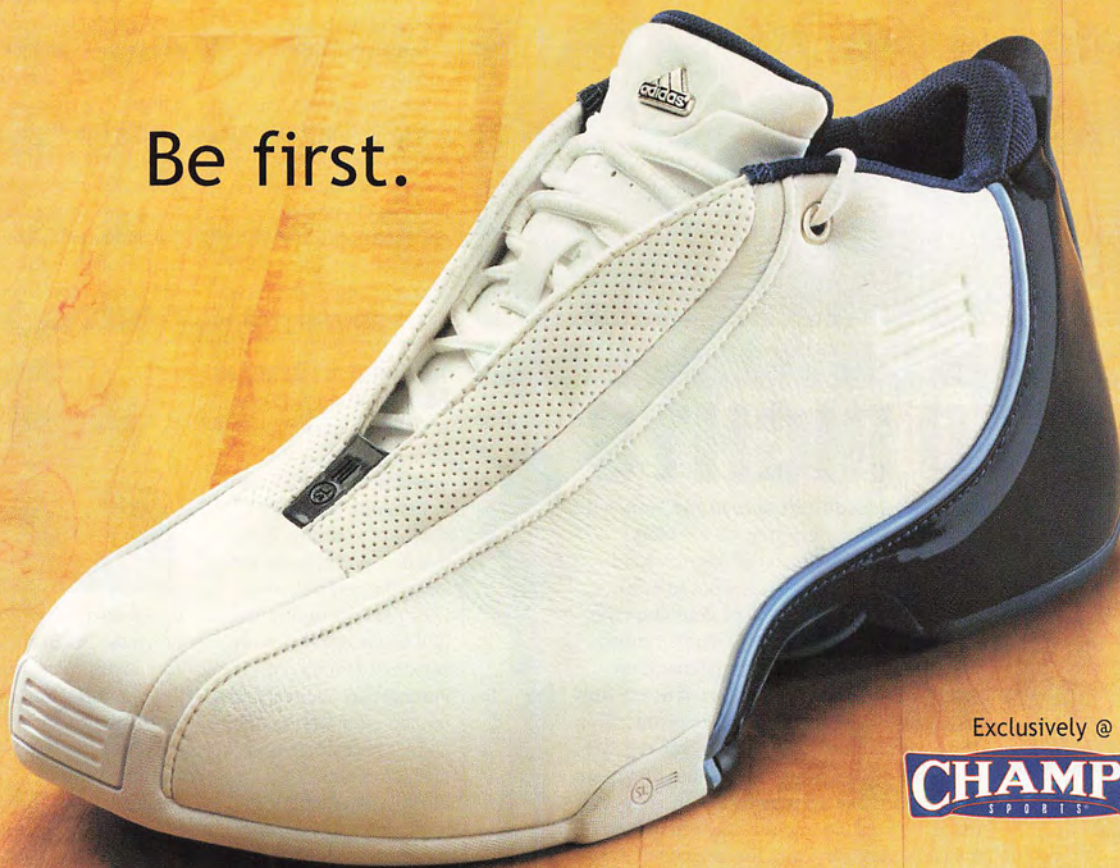
(Sony—PS2) Think *Quake*, but in souped-up, rocket-firing hellmobiles driven by serial killers. Heat-seeking missiles in mirror are closer than they—ahhhhhrrrgg!



"Yo mama, Osama."



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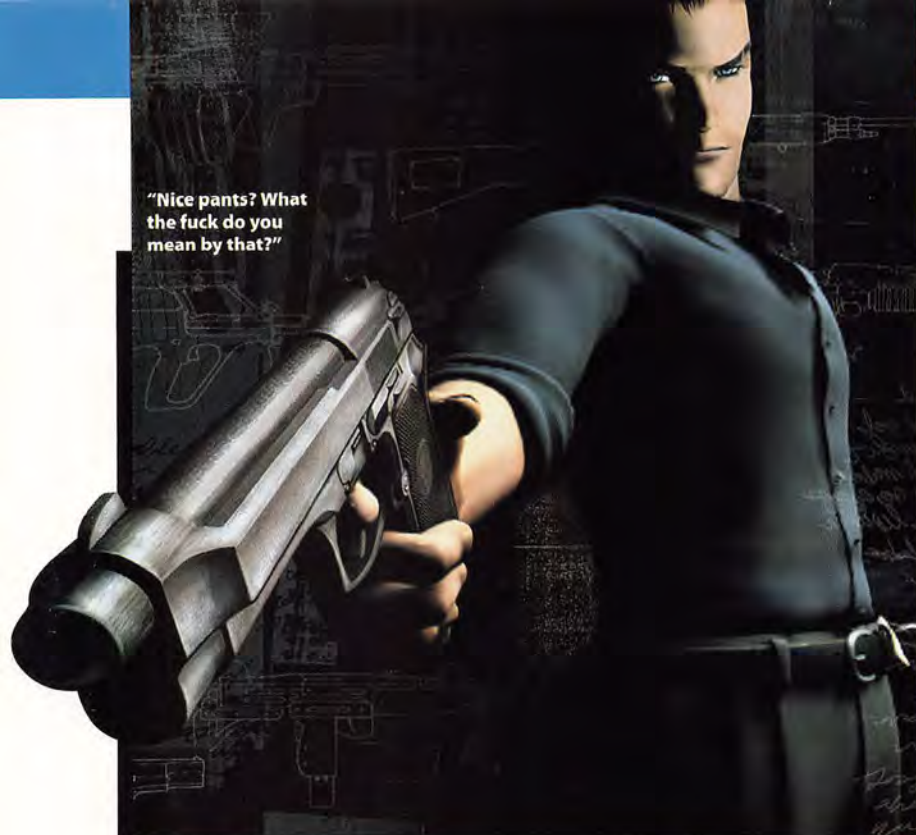
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## DEAD TO RIGHTS

(Namco—Xbox)



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(Rockstar—PS2, Xbox, PC)

**Metal Gear Solid**  
(Konami—PS)

**Headhunter**  
(Acclaim—PS2)

Between *Grand Theft Auto III* and *Hitman 2*, criminal lowlifes are getting all the glory these days. Jack Slate, star of this new hard-boiled detective adventure, is out to even that score. Jack's hyperviolent sleuthing style includes slow-mo shotgun firefights, human shields, and a canine cohort that mauls on command. And if those don't work, he controls an impressively limber stripper to distract foes. The body count is rivaled only by novel gameplay features and production values that make blood spurts akin to snowflakes—no two are the same. Looking to put a new action hero on the case? Slate's the guy. Just pray he doesn't charge by the bullet. —Craig Stevens

★★★★★



## Madden NFL 2003

(EA—Xbox, PS2, Gamecube, PC)  
To the rookie upstarts who trash-talked this veteran MVP, Big John would like to send a message: Get ready to punt. Destined for the Hall of Fame, Madden's latest namesake (now in its 13th year) improves upon already stunning graphics and amps game play with faster speed and such fresh gridiron moves as sidarm passing and—wahoo!—gang tackling. Special features offer more enhancements than last year's Patriots lineup: Al Michaels and Melissa Stark give commentary, cheat



code cards can be earned at minicamp, and for the first time ever players can compete against each other online. All that's missing is Madden performing a triumphant end zone dance, which, considering the man's Jabba-like girth, we can all probably live without. —Scott Steinberg

★★★★★

## Terminator: Dawn of Fate

(Infogrames—PS2, Xbox)  
Schwarzenegger may have signed on to play the indestructible T-800 again in *Terminator 3*, but he's nowhere to be found in this first-ever console version. *Fate* also dispenses with T2's cyborg-boy love plot, so you can focus on blasting titanium drones into nuts and bolts. Play as human hero John Connor and his resistance cohorts (including obligatory bazooka-toting babe), fighting for survival in a mech-controlled future L.A. The object: Rage against the killer machines in well-



designed missions to bring down the evil Skynet. Yeah, Terminators die hard; luckily your heavy artillery and plasma baton make sure they don't outlast their factory warranties. Though Arnie's no-show is a mild bummer, play once and—you guessed it—you'll be back. —Alex Porter

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XXX FACTOR

## SPOKES MODELS

Finally—BMX spills and strip club thrills in one convenient game!

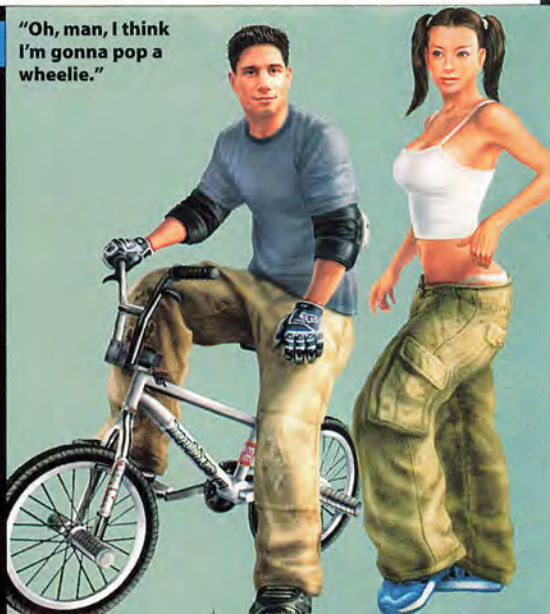
What's the best way to turn a sport full of guys bouncing around on bikes into a cool video game? Add strippers, of course. That's the thinking at Acclaim Entertainment, which has implanted some titillating extras into *Dave Mirra BMX XXX* (PS2, Xbox, GameCube). When players rack up money on the track, they can reward themselves by spending it on live-action topless strip sequences. Spokesman Alan Lewis

sees such adult content as a natural evolution in gaming. "Guys who grew up playing Atari now want more than just cute characters," he says. To that end comedy writers were hired to pepper the game with gags intended to keep players laughing for hours. "You'll want to find out what happens next," Lewis adds. If the strip club content is true to life, we predict players will go home penniless, alone, and horny.



Pole position

"Oh, man, I think I'm gonna pop a wheelie."





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# LULLABY

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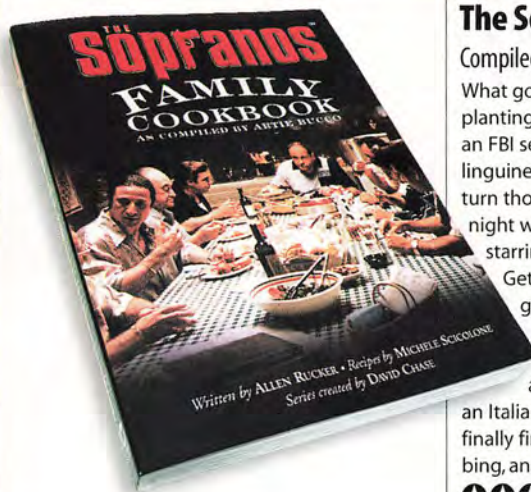
**Probably the last** thing you'd associate with the guy who wrote *Fight Club* is a lullaby. But before you go thinking that Palahniuk's gone all Harry Potter on you, his true (and twisted) aim becomes clear. When cynical journalist Carl Streator stumbles upon an ancient "culling song" (a spell used to lull people into peaceful, but instant, death), he's forced to hook up with a militant vegan, a dippy wiccan, and a shady real estate agent to destroy all copies of a cursed children's poetry book—even if it means accidentally killing everyone in his path. Palahniuk's



usual MO is spread all over this blacker-than-pitch comedy: Life sucks, everyone is a selfish moron, and something needs to wipe the slate clean. Abracadabra that.—Eric Alt

★★★★☆

**'Most of the laugh tracks on television were recorded in the early 1950s. These days, most of the people you hear laughing are dead.'**



## The Sopranos Family Cookbook

Compiled by Artie Bucco (Warner Books, \$29.95)

What goes with mobsters, racketeering, and planting snitches in the Pine Barrens better than an FBI search warrant? A heaping plate of linguine, of course. Let fictional chef Bucco help turn those *Sopranos* Sundays into a theme night with recipes from his cookbook—guest-starring a hungry crew of known associates.

Get advice on whipping up a feast fit for a godfather, from a slow-grilled steak à la

Tony to Carmela's rigatoni with sweet sausage and tomato sauce. There's also a full buffet of humorous tips, including an Italian-American food glossary—so you can finally find out what the hell gabagool is. Bada bing, and pass the prosciutto.—Laurina Gibbs

★★★★☆



## Never Forget

By Mitchell Fink and Lois Mathias  
(Regan Books/HarperCollins, \$24.95)

Pundits are tackling one another to pontificate on the anniversary of America's deadliest terrorist attack. That's why this stunning WTC oral history, from victims and survivors who were actually there, is especially potent. Dozens of eyewitness accounts—from a cop who saw the doomed plummet from upper floors to a forensic dentist who sifted through remains—highlight the individual heroics of that day, while the book's comprehensive structure underscores how massive the blow was to our national psyche. Forget? Not damn likely. But this book goes a long way in showing us the best way to remember.—L.G.

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Nickelhead. "That's what my kids call me. Any particular reason? Yeah, look at me. I got a big head."



### FAVORITE NEW BAND: P.O.D.

"They rock. And I really like bands with initials. P.O.D., Run-DMC, Jay-Z. What's hot is hot."



### FEMALE BODY PART: Big ol' butts.

"And when the panties are pulled up slightly, with that billowy thing happening—phenomenal."

### Just how many hats do you own?

I was born with a Kangol—they put one on my head immediately. I played with a few different looks when I started out, but when I put that hat on, it just felt like the right one. Now I have unbelievable amounts of hats. I have whole houses full of 'em, storage facilities packed to the rafters with hats. It's actually not that hard to find them in my size—it's a 7<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>. I'll put it to you like this: big head, big brain.

### Have white people finally figured out that you're not a manufacturer of hiking boots and down jackets?

I hope they know I'm not L.L. Bean. As far as the name's concerned, that's just a dream. It was about using the name as a benchmark—if I set myself a really high goal, then I had to live up to it. That's basically what it was about.

### You've been a happily married man for a pretty long time—is your wife still OK with the fact that the Ladies Love Cool James?

As long as she thinks I'm sexy, I think she's fine with it. She seems to still be attracted to me, so that helps.

### Even after you landed your first record deal, you lived with your grandmother for a couple of years. Didn't that cramp your style?

You have to remember, I started when I was 16 years old, so there was still time to be hanging at home. I love my family, and that could never cramp my style. Anything that I wanted to do, if it was something I didn't want Grandma to see, I just didn't do it at home. I think I lived a pretty decent life. [grins] For the most part. It was a little like *American Pie* at times, a little like *Porky's*. But other than that, it was pretty clean.

### Since you started so early, did you ever even have a real job?

I was a paperboy; that was the only thing I did other than entertainment. And I'm so grateful. I never take any of this for granted. This is not normal. It's like I borrowed someone else's life. Even right now, it's fantasy. Construction workers, police officers, mailmen—they work for a living.

### In some upcoming movie credits, you're being billed under your real name, James Todd Smith. Any reason for the personality crisis?

Because I don't want to be just another rapper in a film. I may not be Laurence Olivier, but I want to take acting seriously. When I do music, I'll still be LL Cool J, and I don't expect everyone to stop calling me that. L is cool, and a lot of people call me Todd. But people call me anything. "You son of a bitch!" Whatever gets my attention.

### Who was more frightening to work with, the giant tiger shark from *Deep Blue Sea* or Oliver Stone on *Any Given Sunday*?

Well, the shark almost drowned me, so I'd have to go with the shark. We were working in tanks with animatronic sharks, which are even worse than real sharks because humans are controlling them. One of them just parked underwater and took a break with my leg still in it, and I had no air supply. I managed to snatch my leg out of the shark's mouth and make it back to the surface.

### I take it that getting cast as a football player in *Any Given Sunday* wasn't quite as life-threatening.

Oliver Stone and I had a really cool meeting. It was laid-back, a really moody room, incense burning, blinds cracked, and we just kicked back and talked about the scene. And right there he gave me the role. Al Pacino was a trip, too. It was an incredible experience to work with Scarface, with Carlito Brigante, with Serpico. I got to hang out with Al and see people respond to him, watch people as he'd walk in the door. I definitely took many lessons from him. You seem to have shed some of the bulk you put on for that role.

I just ran a lot, which helped. Because I don't know how to diet. That's impossible. I like French fries and cheeseburgers. I'm not beyond downing a six-pack while watching a basketball game.

### Since you've started bringing home the Hollywood paychecks, is it harder for you to connect with your old neighborhood of Hollis, Queens?

No, not at all. Money just makes you more of what you already are. You want to know a man's heart, look at his checkbook—look at the checks that have already been written. I write from the heart. I don't have any roles that I'm trying to play. You give me \$500 million tomorrow, that's not going to stop me from liking nice legs and high heels. That's not gonna stop me from loving the cover of *Maxim*.

### Do you take precautions with your own money so that you don't end up like M.C. Hammer?

You mean like on *Behind the Music*? I try. I'm not a financial wizard or anything—I just try to do the right thing with money. Save a dollar here, save a dollar there, clip some coupons. Buy 10 gold chains instead of 20. Four summer homes instead of eight. I try.

### Have you ever heard another rapper dis you in a song and thought, *You know what? That guy is right.*

They're right most of the time. That's what makes it funny. But then I get to make my rebuttal and keep it moving.

### Now that your kids are growing up, do you find that your musical tastes are coming into conflict?

No, man, I have no problem with Britney or 'N Sync or any of that. If it was about who's gonna spend a weekend with L, I think I'd prefer to have Britney come by than have Justin running around in pajamas. But when we're riding down the street and my kids are singing a song, it's one of mine. How cool is that? Though maybe there's a couple of my songs that they shouldn't find out about until they get a little older.

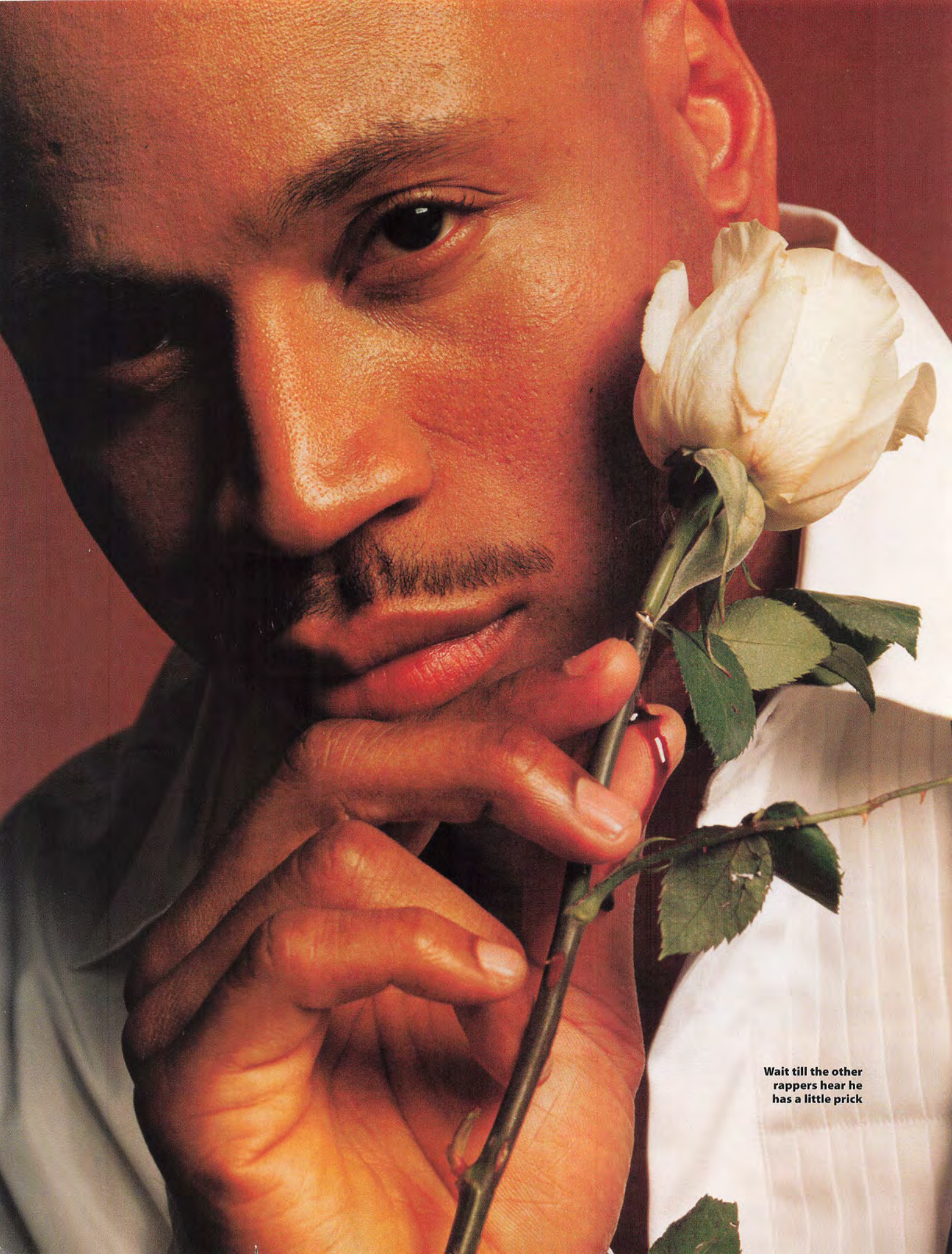
### You've shown more longevity than most of the rappers you came up with. Will you still be behind the mike 30 years from now?

We'll see what Vegas is paying. [laughs] I'll be rapping about denture cream, Preparation H. My pants will still be sagging, but it'll be from the Depends.



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LL's new album, *Ten*, is being released this fall.



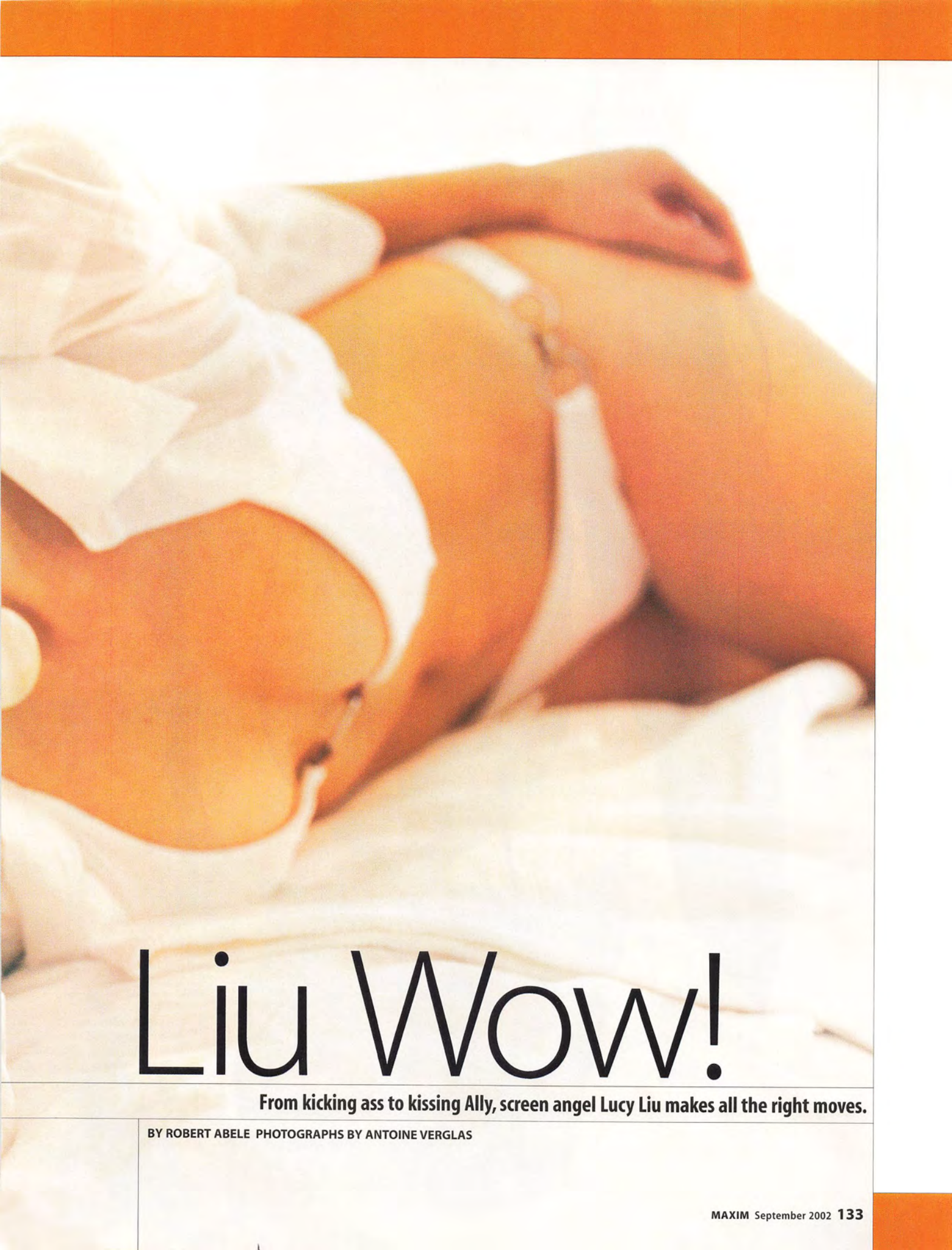


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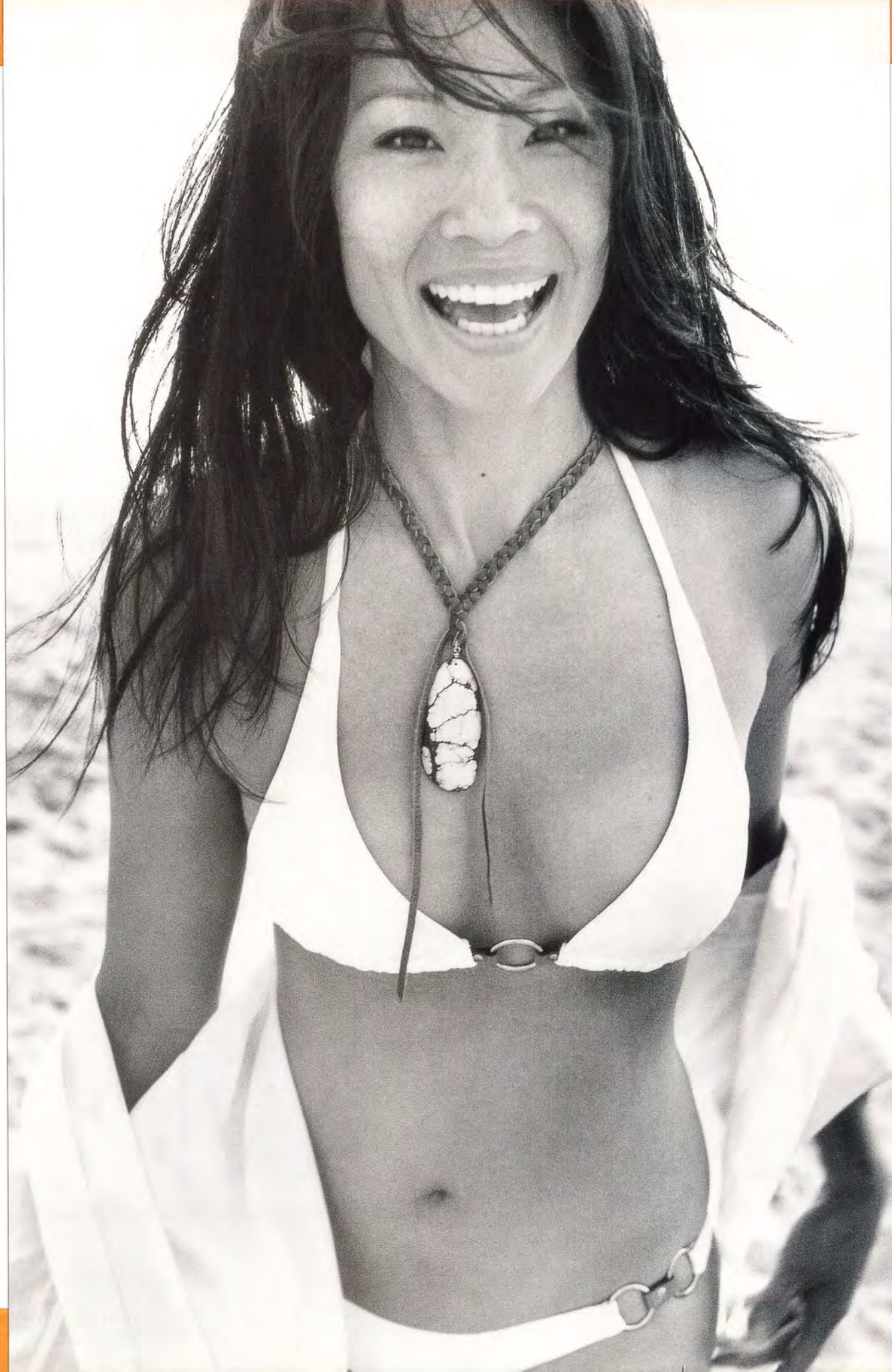


# Liu Wow!

From kicking ass to kissing Ally, screen angel Lucy Liu makes all the right moves.

BY ROBERT ABELE PHOTOGRAPHS BY ANTOINE VERGLAS







**'In a relationship, I want the man to be the aggressor. I like to be the girl, you know?'**







**There are far** worse visions to see upon arriving at a Malibu beach house than Lucy Liu in a micro-size white bikini sprawled on the sand out back. In fact, just about every other vision comes in a distant second place. But we also know that if she needed to—if we've been very bad boys, for instance—this martial-arts-trained beauty could probably turn a tube of sunscreen into a deadly weapon. With such noteworthy roles as a nunchaku-wielding investigator in *Charlie's Angels*, the razor-taloned attorney Ling on *Ally McBeal*, and an S&M-loving enforcer in *Payback*, this New York-born and -raised daughter of Chinese immigrants has demonstrated a screen presence that repeatedly (and happily) brings us to our knees. Lucy continues her World Domination Tour this month in the spy action flick *Ecks Vs. Sever*, and the day after chatting with us she's jetting over to China to costar in Quentin

Tarantino's chick-revenge epic *Kill Bill*. Here she tries to convince us that underneath her leather-tough image is a sweet, shy girl who just wants us to make the first move. Or is it a trap?

**We have a confession. You make us sort of...nervous.**

I think a lot of men are scared of me

because of some of the roles they've seen me portray. I mean, I've played a dominatrix a lot. [laughs] But it's kind of a good scary. Men *like* to be scared around me. They want and expect me to be the aggressor, and they don't realize that I'm the opposite of that in reality. I'm actually very shy.

**Will your new movie, *Ecks Vs. Sever*, help change that perception?**

I seriously doubt it. I play Sever, and I work for this specialized covert government agency that raised me from a little orphan just to kill people. That's all I do: kill without any emotion. There's no "Oh, this person looks really sad, so don't kill him." Just kill him. Antonio Banderas plays Ecks, an FBI profiler, and, basically, our MO for the entire movie is to try to kill each other.

**So this is a family film.**

There's a lot of violence in the movie in terms of gunfire, as opposed to *Charlie's Angels*, where there are no guns. Here I get to shoot this gigantic machine gun. The first time I went to the firing range to check out which weapons I was most comfortable with, it was like that scene in *The Matrix*: There was an entire wall of guns. I don't know if some of them were even legal.

**Did any of that heavy artillery knock you on your ass?**

My shoulders were bruised black and blue. The first time I was so freaked out, I couldn't pull the trigger. Then I picked up this tiny 9 mm, and as things progressed, I eventually thought, *OK, if I need to protect myself, I can literally pick up any gun and blow someone away, as easy as passing the sugar.*

**Ulp.**

But I prefer working with knives and chains and sticks, because it's challenging. And just hand-to-hand fighting. Like Krav Maga, the one used by the Israeli military, where you just beat the shit out of each other, like street fighting. And have you seen Ultimate Fighting? There are no rules. You can pull your opponent's scrotum off if you want. It's a delight to watch. ▶

## GIRL ON FILM



**ALLY MCBEAL (1998–2001)** As client-turned-attorney Ling, Lucy would sue anyone for anything. Sadly, she never once tried to sue our pants off.



**PAYBACK (1999)** We knew Lucy was smart as a whip; we didn't know how skilled she was with one till dominatrix Pearl gave Mel Gibson a licking and kept on ticking.



**SHANGHAI NOON (2000)** What's worse than being a kidnapped Chinese princess in the Old West? Being a kidnapped Chinese princess named (snicker) Pei Pei.



**CHARLIE'S ANGELS (2000)** Sorry, Charlie, but we think you're a freakin' idiot for staying in the shadows. C'mon, have you seen the girls who work for you? Sheesh.



**ECKS VS. SEVER (2002)** Lucy gets lethal again as an assassin battling FBI guy Antonio Banderas. Wonder what they'll do for the hour and 45 minutes after she caps him?





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**And you seriously expect us to believe that you're the shy type?**

Well, in a relationship I do want the man to be the aggressor. I like to be the girl, you know? I'm not going to make the first move, and if he's waiting around for that, then it's literally never going to happen. And that's frustrating.

**Will you at least send us a little signal so we know you're not going to rip our arm off?**

Sure, that's part of the girl's job. One time I was trying to get this guy's attention by knocking on a huge window, because I knew he was inside the house somewhere. So I knocked and knocked, and suddenly the window just shattered into a million tiny pieces. That was a special moment.

**Besides the major payday, why are you fired up to do the *Charlie's Angels* sequel?**

I just think it's great that people get excited about the fact that these cool women are out there doing something without having to be really butch. It's, like, we're feminine and have fabulous hair but can still kick ass.

**Considering the rumors about you and Bill Murray butting heads during the first *Angels*, when can we expect a *Celebrity Boxing* match-up?**

Oh, I'd love to get my ass kicked by Bill Murray. He's tall, like, 6'4", and I'm 5'3". I think he's really smart and hilarious. It'd be fun if we got in the ring together, but do me a favor: If you ever see that

**'I woke up with no memory of the night before. Tequila and I just don't mix.'**

I'm going to be on *Celebrity Boxing*, please just kill me first.

**When you're in China making *Kill Bill*, will you sample local exotic delicacies like snake bile and scorpions?**

I've had all my shots and immunizations, but still I don't think I'll be ordering up any snake bile. I'm not picky. I'll eat pretty much anything, but there are some limitations. I won't eat chicken's feet. And I'm not big into dog. I might try blowfish, though.

**Your parents emigrated from China to America, and you were born here.**

**Do you speak Chinese?**

Yeah, because that's what we spoke at home when I was little, and then my brother, sister, and I learned English as we went to school.

**Did you ever feel different from other kids?**

Not because of that. I was a tomboy. I had short hair, like, no hair at all, and was stick-thin—a guy, practically. I hung out with my brother's friends, hiding in trash cans and playing handball in summer. I never thought of myself as a female at all. So it was kind of weird when, a few years later, those guys were suddenly, like, "Hey, she's kind of cute." I thought they must have liked me because of my personality, when the reality was that it had nothing to do with my personality—waaah!

**Chinese parents are known for being strict. How did you rebel?**

My mother never let us eat any sugar.

We were only allowed Special K cereal, and when she made cookies, they tasted like Styrofoam. So I'd sneak out to the corner store and eat Twinkies and Cap'n Crunch and Snoballs—just inhale the most disgusting junk food you've ever seen—so much so that my arms would break out.

**You're a tiny little thing. Can you hold your liquor?**

No, I'm a total lightweight. Especially when it comes to tequila. In college I once woke up in someone else's dorm room, wearing someone else's clothing, with no recollection of anything that had happened the night before. I had completely blacked out. Tequila and I just don't mix.

**When you first got out to Hollywood, did you ever get introduced to the casting couch?**

I knew someone in the business who told me all about his wife and kids, and I asked my manager, "We're supposed to have lunch. Is it OK?" She says, "It's very normal. It's something people here do to get to know you better." Then lunch can't happen for some reason, and he wants to change it to dinner. Then I get a call and he's running late, and suddenly it's drinks. So I'm completely naive and go for drinks, and the next thing you know, he's got his hands on my knees. It was really awkward, and all I wanted to do was run screaming from the restaurant. I had to be really firm and just say no.



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**Any early acting parts that make you cringe now?**

I did an episode of *Beverly Hills, 90210* where I played a waitress at that place they hung out, the Peach Pit. I'd never done anything on TV like that before, and I had no idea where the camera was. Completely confused. It's not an episode I really want to see again.

**We'll only admit to watching *Ally McBeal* for the kiss between you and Calista Flockhart. Why wasn't that a weekly occurrence?**

That absolutely would have changed the show a bit. But once the girl-kiss thing happened, it was kind of like going to a nude beach. There's nothing left for the imagination. I think it's best to titillate and then walk away. You don't dull the senses.

**We have no idea what you mean.**

**Did you two get together, mix some drinks, and practice the scene a lot?**

We kissed for the very first time in front of the cameras, because in the script they're kissing each other for the first time and don't really know what they're doing. I wasn't worried at all, because I knew it would look good. Two women are a lot more gentle. With a man, you don't know if he's going to come at you full force or what.

**Why do you think guys are so into girl-on-girl action?**

That's definitely a question for the ages. You know, in a really strange way, I think it's a very normal thing, because to a woman, being with another woman doesn't rupture their soft, gentle sensuality. And a lot of men say they want to be in a three-way with two women. They think they want two women, but when they get there, it's, like, "Honey, you'd better be prepared to handle both women at the same time."

**Describe your weirdest date.**

I once kissed a man who thought my nose was part of the whole kissing process. Like one of those masks you put on for surgery—that entire geography from my nose to the bottom of my chin was the target area for him. I thought, *My God, that's the most disgusting thing in the world!*

**Have you ever gone out with a guy and discovered he was only into Asian women?**

That he had yellow fever? Oh, my God, yeah. I could tear my hair out. It's to the point now where if a guy has dated another Asian, I won't go out with him.

**It's that strict a policy?**

It's that strict! They have to be a virgin when it comes to Asian women. Because once you go Asian, you can't turn back. *[smiles coquettishly]* 'Cause we're so lovely. ■







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## LUCY AT A GLANCE

**Vital stats:** Born December 2, 1968 in Queens, New York. While at the University of Michigan, she won the lead role in "a psychedelic *Alice in Wonderland* play." She went from there to bit parts in *The X-Files*, *NYPD Blue*, and *ER* before her star-making turn on *Ally McBeal*.

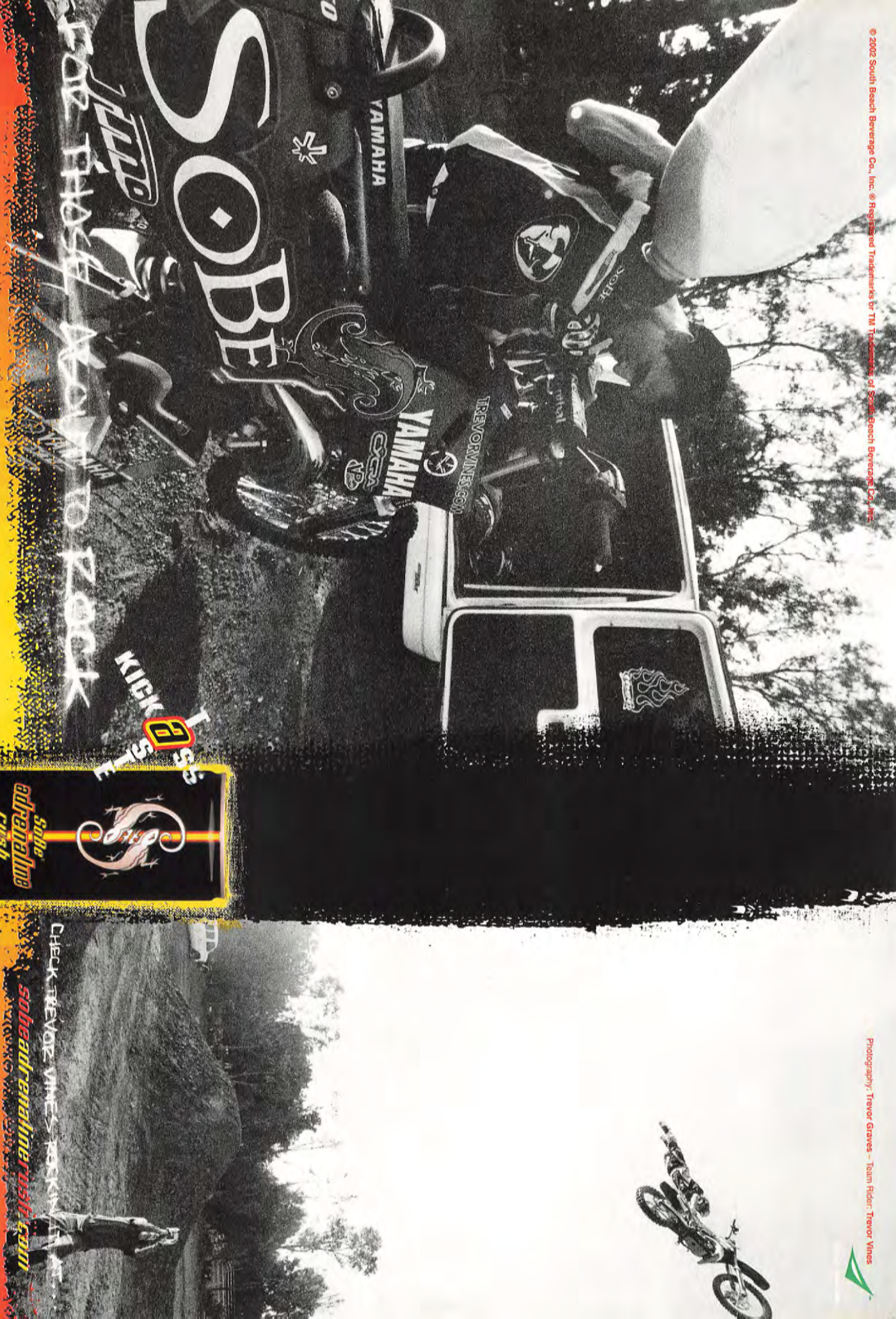
**Squeeze box:** Lucy not only plays the accordion but swears it's sexy. "It breathes as you move it, and that's such an amazing feeling. You can make it aggressive or romantic."

**Spy dreams:** To eavesdrop on the Oval Office. "I'm curious about what goes on behind closed doors. I have a feeling the White House is like Hollywood. There's a writer, a producer, somebody who's funding the operation."

**That's super:** Now that she's been a Charlie's Angel, Lucy wants to see another '70s TV icon on the big screen. "When I was little, the Bionic Woman was my hero. Every time I did something, it was in slow motion, with that weird sound—da-da-da-da-da-da."







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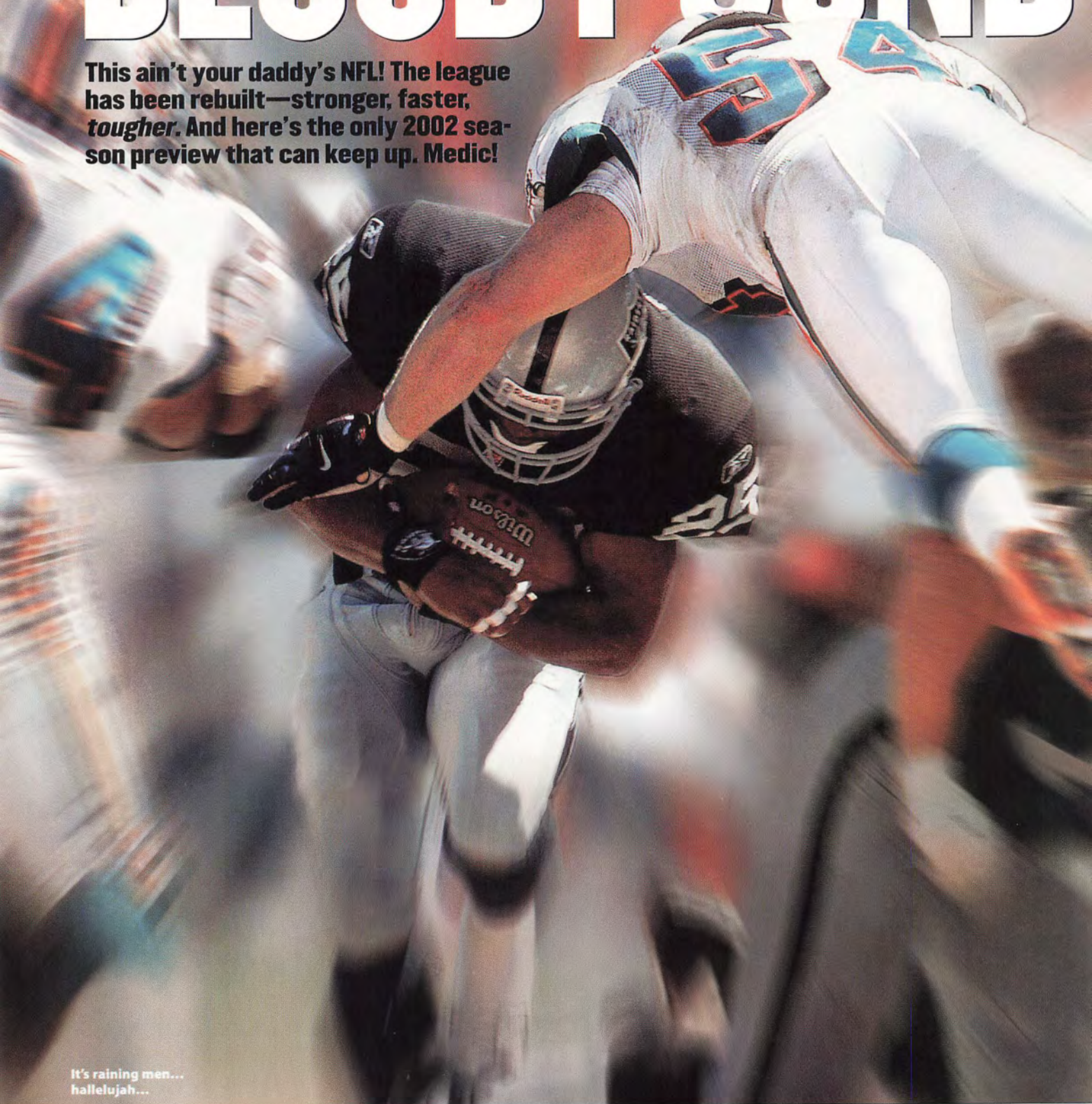
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## NFC WEST



Home of the Super Bowl XXXVII champs. But who will it be?

### ST. LOUIS RAMS

**Last year:** Sorry, Bean Town—Super Bowl XXXVI was a fluke. The 14-2 Rams were the NFL's best team in 2001.

**Key stats:** First-ranked offense; second-ranked defense (Leonard Little—14.5 sacks in 2001—and Grant Wistrom are now the NFL's best defensive end combination.)

**Rumblings:** Coach Mike Martz, who's been raked over the coals for picking Heisman Trophy-winning QB Eric Crouch in the third round, is convinced Crouch can be a great WR.

**Outlook:** We hate to say it, but the NFL's most-talented team only got better this summer. The loss of WR Az-Zahir Hakim (374 yards in 2001) will not slow them down, and the defense, in its second year under coordinator Lovie Smith, will be even more dominant. Don't fret... bet.

**Where to watch:** From the Budweiser factory in downtown St. Louis. TiVo the game if you have to—free beer!

**Stargazing:** Four hours before last year's Super Bowl, we spotted Kurt Warner three sheets to the wind in a Bourbon Street gutter. Yeah, *right!* The strait-laced Rams don't booze in public. See ya in San Diego.

"I want my mommy!"



### SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

**Last year:** No wonder the Niners top every free agent's wish list. After buying Super Bowl XXIX, they were supposed to be rebuilding in 2001. Instead, CFL castoff turned All-Pro QB Jeff Garcia led them to a 12-4 season.

**Key stats:** Terrell Owens, the NFL's best WR, who caught half of Garcia's 32 TDs last year, now says *basketball* is his true love. He averaged 4.2 points and 1.2 rebounds in the USBL this summer. Stick with the pigskin, big guy.

**Rumblings:** Despite an off-season face-to-face with Owens in Atlanta, Coach Steve Mariucci lost the respect of his team after all but begging for the Tampa Bay job.

**Outlook:** The Rams will keep them from winning the division outright, but Garcia, Owens, and Comeback Player of the Year Garrison Hearst make San Fran legitimate Super Bowl contenders. Mariucci-Owens feud is key.

**Where to watch:** From home. You've never seen more imported cheese, wine-in-a-box, and annoying cell phones than at Candlestick/3Com/whatever the hell that damn stadium is called this week.



"I'll tell her!"

### SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

**Last year:** Despite a poor defense (20th) and piss-poor offense (25th), the 9-7 Seahawks were a dangerous team.

**Key stats:** Newly named starter Trent Dilfer is on an unbelievable 19-game winning streak as a starter, including 4-0 with Seattle last year.

**Rumblings:** GM, coach, and resident slob Mike "I Am the Walrus" Holmgren ain't goin' *nowhere*. Though he has a 24-25 record and signed up perennial loser QB Ryan Leaf, owner Paul Allen refuses to even consider firing the guy.

**Outlook:** Getting moved to the best division in the NFL hurts. Second-year WR Koren Robinson is great, and the Seahawks could win 10 games... but they'll watch the playoffs from home.

**Where to watch:** After a dozen lattes, we like to freak out at Tiki Bob's, a sports bar near Seahawks Stadium. Just kidding: You know we've got tickets to the game. Suckers!

**Tailgating:** The tight-ass 'Hawks don't allow booze in their lots, so they sponsor a "tailgate party" at the nearby Exhibition Center. Be there *and* be square, nerd boy.

### ARIZONA CARDINALS

**Last year:** The best year of QB Jake "the Snake" Plummer's career only got the Cards seven wins in a much weaker division than this. D'oh!

**Key stats:** \$3.6 million. That's what safety Pat Tillman, 25, gave up to retire and fight terrorists with the U.S. Army.

**Rumblings:** A DUI arrest and positive marijuana and cocaine tests this off-season will cost All-Pro WR David Boston the big contract he was expecting.

**Outlook:** The loss of bruising RB Michael Pittman to Tampa Bay was huge and will keep Cards from making noise over the roar of the Rams and 49ers engines.

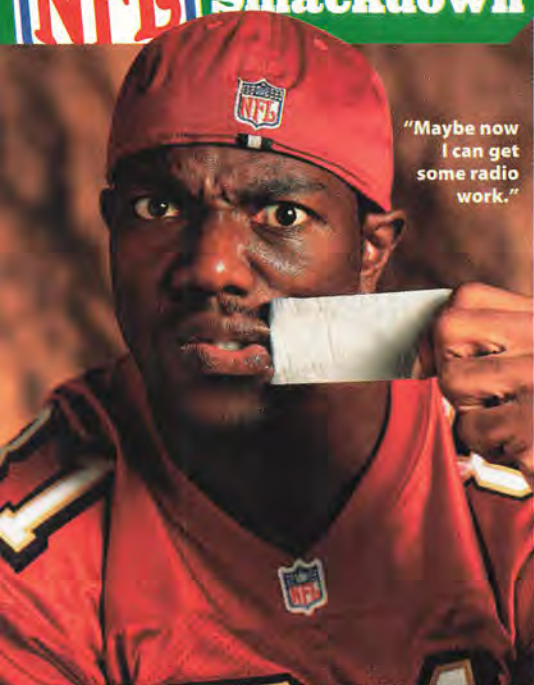
**Where to watch:** McDuffy's, which has shown every available NFL game since 1988 on a total of 86 TVs, opens at 9 A.M. on football Sundays. They also have live off-track betting, 32 draft beers, and... some new bar backs. We quit!

**Deviled kegs:** If you thought the Jets playing at Giants Stadium was pathetic, get this. Sun Devil Stadium is a freakin' college field—and the schoolkids are better! Plus, the parking lots are beer only—no liquor—so keg it up.



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## TALKIN' TRASH

### TERRELL OWENS

**Wide receiver, San Francisco 49ers**

**Ever been scared on a football field?**

No! There are guys that hit hard. But we lay licks, too. They take shots at us. And when we run the ball, I get to take shots at them.

**Who's taken your best lick?**

We ran a screen once against the Rams, and I just clocked Mike Jones. He was pretty upset about that one. Screens are a great chance to catch a guy, especially when they're on a dead sprint trying to get the running back. *Blam!*

**Instead of resting, you spent the summer playing hoops in the USBL. How was that?**

Great. At least until I had to show up at 49ers minicamp. I'm probably being a little modest about it, but I was getting better and better. Then I had to leave.

**Why don't the 49ers take advantage of your height and throw more fade patterns in the red zone?**

Yeah, it's frustrating because I feel like I can take over games. As long as we're winning, I'm fine. But we start losing and I'm not getting enough touches—it's going to become a problem.

**Is playing in Dallas a problem after your little midfield party nearly caused a riot?** Not at all. I just like to have fun. The league places so many restrictions on celebrations, nobody does anything anymore. That stuff is fun. They're surely not going to get ratings up by putting Dennis Miller on Monday Night Football.

**Get any good freak mail lately?**

I've had some females send me stuff in the mail, but nothing you'd want. But if it's Janet Jackson, you'd best believe I'm answering that mail. Anyone who knows Janet Jackson reading this...?

## NFC EAST

The Eagles are still the class act of the NFL's most perverted division.



### PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

**Last year:** This one-man show (QB Donovan McNabb) combined with a stellar defense (ranked No. 7) to go 11-5.

**Key stats:** Starting RB Duce Staley had more receiving yards (626) than rushing yards (604). That's not good.

**Rumblings:** Owner Jeffrey Lurie's penny-pinching will ground the Eagles. Even with a favorable cap situation, the broken-winged Eagles passed on free-agent WRs Derrick Alexander and Keenan McCardell.

**Outlook:** If you're not moving forward, you're falling behind. After a great season, the Eagles did nothing. They refused to pay market price for their best defensive player, Jeremiah Trotter, and did nothing to help McNabb on offense. Nothing will not be enough to catch the Rams.

**Where to watch:** From the visiting team's locker room. Over 100 Eagles cheerleaders are suing 29 NFL teams and more than 500 players over peepholes into their shower.

**Where not to watch:** From the judges' chambers and jail recently installed below the Lincoln Financial Field's turf for the swift conviction and sentencing of Philly fanatics.

### WASHINGTON REDSKINS

**Last year:** Who cares? The 'Skins went 8-8, but only those fanatical fat guys in flowered dresses—a.k.a. the Hogettes—will look the same in 2002.

**Key stats:** 28th-ranked offense can't get much worse.

**Rumblings:** Every Tom, Dick, and Harry with a microphone (you know who you are!) is predicting that new coach Steve Spurrier's offense will fall flat. We disagree.

**Outlook:** LaVar Arrington, Jessie Armstead, Champ Bailey, Bruce Smith, Darrell Green, and now Jeremiah Trotter make this a great defense. Plus, Spurrier (122-27-1 at Florida) is too smart to abandon 1,400-yard rusher Stephen Davis. Davis could run Spurrier straight into the playoffs—and Monday-morning QBs straight out of a job.

**Where to watch:** Far from any Redskins' bodily fluids. Three years ago Coach Norv Turner found a young "lady" in the hall of the team's hotel past curfew (11:00 p.m.). Since he couldn't tell which room she'd come out of, he announced that the player responsible must pay a \$500 fine or be kicked off the team. Five players paid the fine.

### NEW YORK GIANTS

**Last year:** Unlike most 7-9 teams, the Giants actually were better than their record. That said, they sure proved that their Super Bowl XXXV appearance was a fluke.

**Key stats:** \$58 million, including a \$17 million signing bonus. Those are the numbers defensive end Michael Strahan is whining about.

**Rumblings:** Several Giants players have moved their lockers away from RB Tiki Barber in support of Strahan. Locker room feuds ain't pretty.

**Outlook:** Don't believe the hype. There is absolutely nothing wrong with guys on the same football team hating one another. Hell, it may even be a good thing. But the loss of defensive coordinator John Fox to the Panthers is definitely not a good thing, and the arrival of TE Jeremy Shockey won't be enough. A winning season is a giant stretch.

**Where to watch:** Times Square, where the NFL will be hosting its huge season kickoff party. Afterward, roam the neighborhood for some other oversize entertainments! (Tip: Have some singles ready.)

"Look, man, all I got is one extra 'N Sync ticket..."



"Hey, I wasn't ready!"

### DALLAS COWBOYS

**Last year:** The Cowboys' second straight 5-11 season began with owner Jerry Jones predicting playoffs. Oops!

**Key stats:** 29th-ranked offense got Emmitt Smith just three TDs in 2001. That's 9.3 below his career average.

**Rumblings:** Coach Dave Campo is already working on his less than impressive resumé.

**Outlook:** Defense is good and fast. Offense is bad and slow. Optimism: Smith, with just 540 yards to go, will break the all-time career rushing record by Week 8. Pessimism: By then America's team will already be 3-5 and out of the playoff hunt.

**Where to watch:** From the "White House"—the notorious downtown Dallas love shack where some married, born-again Cowboys would take their hookers, kilos, and guns for postgame parties.

**Where to watch your back:** Everywhere else. After the White House got busted, Cowboys players (Michael Irvin) were followed by hidden cameras. Now Jones is opening Dallas' training camp to HBO cameras? Heads up, 'Boys.



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## NFC NORTH



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### CHICAGO BEARS

**Last year:** Like a skinny kid after a summer at Camp 'Roids, the Bears (5-11 in 2000) erased five straight losing seasons, nearly tripled their win total (13-3 in 2001), and won the NFC Central. But was it worth the shrunk testes?

**Key stats:** Defense allowed an NFL low 12.7 points per game; offense ranked 26th, the worst of any playoff team.

**Rumblings:** Even after a phenomenal season, GM Jerry Angelo has coach Dick Jauron's head on the block. If the Bears don't start scoring, Jauron's getting the ax.

**Outlook:** Signing QB Chris Chandler was a great move. He's flat-out better than starter Jim Miller. Brian Urlacher and the defense are monsters, but we'll dick-butt-kiss Dick Butkus if the Bears go 13-3 again. Think wild card.

**Tailgating:** With Soldier Field in the M.A.S.H. unit, home will be the University of Illinois in Champaign. Think coeds.

**Road trip:** Scared of those pesky postgame DUIs? Duffy's on Diversey is organizing bus trips for every 2002 home game. Party on.



### GREEN BAY PACKERS

**Last year:** Yes, the Bears won the division. But the 12-4 Packers handed them their ass twice last season. This year's rematches (Weeks 5 and 13) are gonna be wars.

**Key stats:** Antonio Freeman, Bill Schroeder, and Corey Bradford (90 percent of all catches, yards, and touchdowns from WR position) are gone. In their place is Terry Glenn, a receiver Bill Parcells was fond of calling "she."

**Rumblings:** RB Ahman Green is driving his coaches crazy. Arguably the NFL's best RB (1,981 yards and 11 TDs last season), he also lost five fumbles and can't seem to teach himself to carry the ball in his right hand.

**Outlook:** Never bet against Brett Favre (even without receivers). We're betting the farm he'll carry the Pack to the division title this year. Brett, don't screw us on this one!

**Where to watch:** Lambeau Field—the NFL's Fenway Park—is football. Find a way in, or get arrested trying. Go!

**Tailgating:** Are you freakin' nuts? Good. You need balls of steel to hang outside the frozen tundra. Look for us in D2.

### MINNESOTA VIKINGS

**Last year:** Did anyone have a more depressing year than the 5-11 Vikings? Pro Bowler Korey Stringer died in training camp. Ten-year coach Dennis Green got axed. And all-world WR Randy Moss announced, "I only play when I feel like playing." Where's that Kevorkian guy when you need him?

**Key stats:** This summer Coach Mike Tice announced he wants 40 to 50 percent of all passes going to Moss this year.

**Rumblings:** Moments later Moss removed his hand from Coach Tice's ass.

**Outlook:** Moss, QB Daunte Culpepper, and new WR Derrick Alexander will keep the scoreboard buzzing. But can the revamped defense (12 new players) jell? We'll see...

**Tailgating:** The Metrodome prohibits tailgating, so hit the parking lots along Washington Avenue. "I start boozin' on the corner of 12th at 6 A.M.," says longtime season ticket holder and budding alcoholic Steve Jordan.

**Free tickets:** By noon your grandmother could push Jordan over and take his ticket. But not if we get there first.

### DETROIT LIONS

**Last year:** This was the best 0-12 team ever! Then they won two and became just another bunch of 2-14 losers.

**Key stats:** Detroit lost a record nine straight games by eight points or less. Hey, that's like looking at the bright side... of Tom Arnold's ass.

**Rumblings:** We hear that everybody in the organization—including owner William Clay Ford and the beer guy—may be fired. Not a bad idea.

**Outlook:** Grim. GM Matt "Muttonhead" Millen hasn't done squat to improve the defense. He traded the team's best player in WR Johnnie Morton. And No. 1 pick Joey Harrington won't get the starting job until it's too late. Does that sound like a playoff team to you?

**Where to watch:** From a bunker.

**Flipped off:** The fake grass on Detroit's new stadium, Ford Field, was made using the defective Firestone tires from flipped Ford Explorers. Like the Lions need any help getting blown out.



"C'mon, I dare ya."

### TALKIN' TRASH

## MICHAEL STRAHAN

Defensive end, New York Giants

**So, Brett Favre took a dive for you. How do you feel about this season after breaking the record like that?**

I feel great! Record books. Hall of Fame. Trust me, breaking the all-time NFL sack record is a phenomenal thing.

**Don't you want to sack Favre for real now?**

See, that's the kind of stuff I'm talking about. You think I'm dumb enough to plan something like that? No! That really pisses me off.

**Settle down, big man. Who's the quarterback you'd most like to get?**

McNabb is one of the toughest to get. But you could put my mother back there, and if she's a quarterback, I'll have to hit her.

**Who are your buddies on the team?**

Keith Hamilton, Jason Sehorn. The older guys.

**You and Tiki Barber buddies?**

Are Tiki and I buddies? I thought we were.

But I guess not.

**Is that tension going to hurt the team?**

No. He's offense and I'm defense. I can go the whole season and barely see that guy. Maybe if I had to look at him every day, it would be different.

**Who's the hardest running back to tackle?**

Oh, man! Jerome Bettis is like trying to catch a freakin' freight train.

**Anything else you want to tell us?**

I love Tiki Barber. Those are my parting words.



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## TALKIN' TRASH

### RICKY WILLIAMS

Running back, Miami Dolphins

**Saints' management dragged your name through the mud. You looking for revenge?**

I took it personally. Definitely. If they're on our schedule or see us in the playoffs, they're in trouble. I feel I'm going to be the best running back in the NFL, and they're gonna kick themselves. They should've never traded me. **Speaking of regrets, are you kicking yourself for signing that notorious incentive-laden contract negotiated by Master P?** No. He was just a mouthpiece for me. I told him, "I think I have the potential to be the best running back in the NFL, so I want to be paid like that, but only if I perform." It was a great idea, except I got hurt a couple of times. My heart was in the right place. **But you lost out on tens of millions of dollars. Isn't that driving you nuts?**

I'm not doing too bad, all right? People like to say I signed a bad deal, but I'm not hurting for money. I'm not complaining.

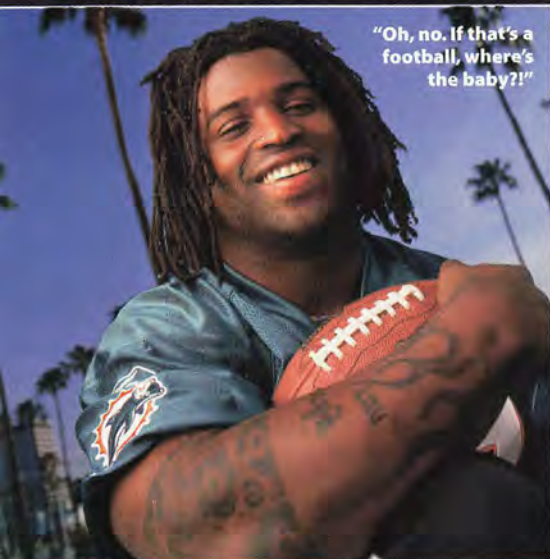
**Running backs take a lot of punishment. Do you ever wish you could be the guy laying some hits?**

Actually, as long as we're winning by a lot, I like when the quarterback throws an interception. I just love trying to kill whoever has the ball. I love hitting people.

**Does that go for rookies, too?**

Some rookies come in and think they're God's gift to the world, so I'll put Tiger Balm in their jock strap or freeze all their clothes. If people act bigger than their britches, they deserve to be put in their place.

**And the ladies? How's Miami treating you?** Great. In New Orleans, a lot of guys were intimidated by me because I was the superstar. They wouldn't go out with me because I got all the girls. But here, everything is cool.

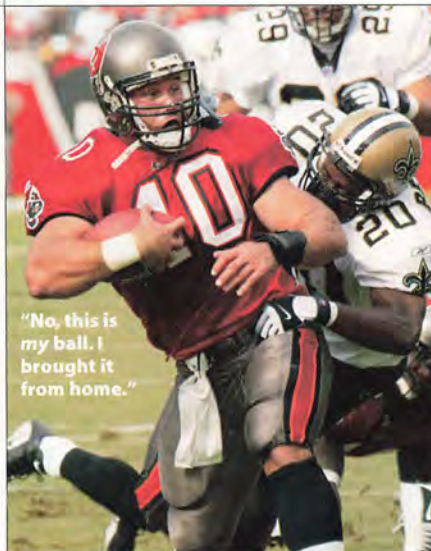


"Oh, no. If that's a football, where's the baby?!"

## NFC SOUTH



Is this the NFL's worst division? Yep. But you didn't hear it from us.



"No, this is my ball. I brought it from home."

### NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

**Last year:** The Aints are back! After a 7-9 season, GM Randy Mueller was fired and New Orleans lost a devastating three Pro Bowl defenders (Joe Johnson, La'Roi Glover, Keith Mitchell). Plus, like a kick in the teeth, all-world RB Ricky Williams — a.k.a. "the franchise" — was traded. Some things never change.

**Key stats:** In their last four games, the Saints were crushed by an average of 27 points. Pass the paper bags.

**Rumblings:** Owner Tom Benson coulda/shoulda/woulda fired coach Jim Haslett last year. Now Haslett has the Saints on double-secret probation.

**Outlook:** Better than it looks. No. 1 pick Donte Stallworth and WR Jerome Pathon are the real deal, and QB Aaron Brooks is a star in the making. Still, the Saints are a Bourbon Street bender away from seeing the playoffs.

**Where to watch:** Through our gal Candy's legs at the Gold Club Cabaret (tell 'em *Maxim* sent ya). Or if you're one of those holier-than-thou types, Kabby's is an above-average (albeit fully clothed) regular ol' sports bar.

### ATLANTA FALCONS

**Last year:** Home Depot cofounder Arthur Blank bought the 7-9 team, thinking human highlight reel Michael Vick would save the day. He can't.

**Key stats:** Offensive line allowed an NFL-high 66 sacks; defense was worse (ranked 30th out of 31 teams).

**Rumblings:** Coach Dan Reeves, who took the Falcons to the Big Dance in his second year and is 16-32 since, will be the first coach axed in 2002. Bet on it.

**Outlook:** Falcons caught a break by switching to a division without the 49ers and Rams, but now they have to get past the stingy Bucs. Maybe a .500 team. Maybe.

**What the...?** Falcons are overloaded at RB (Travis Jervey, Warrick Dunn, Maurice Smith), while the rest of the team has more holes than an Afghan mountain. So what do they do? The Falcons use their first-round draft pick on Michigan State RB T.J. Duckett. Hey, Reeves, pass the crack.

**Tailgating:** *Cover Magazine*. Atlanta's free listing of the best night spots, is published by the six hottest chicks in town. They party like rock stars. Follow them. Everywhere.

### TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

**Last year:** The witch is dead! That's the feeling around Tampa Bay (9-7) these days, now that coach Tony Dungy has finally been shown the door.

**Key stats:** Keyshawn Johnson had 106 catches (averaging 11.9 yards per catch) but just one touchdown in 2001.

**Who thinks he'll be shy about telling off his new coach?**

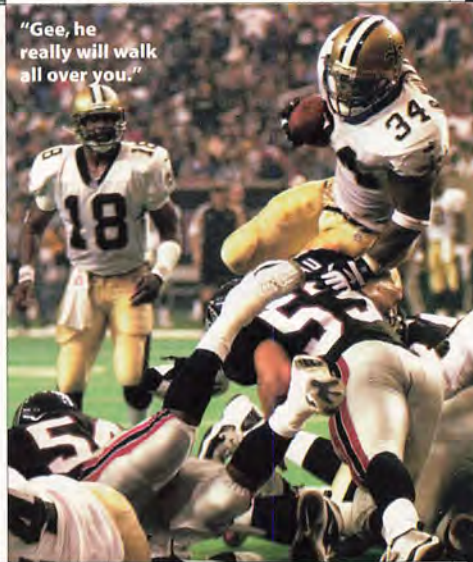
**Rumblings:** The revolution will not be televised. Hard-ass coach Jon Gruden will kill most of the 17 regular TV and radio show appearances Bucs players had last season.

**Outlook:** Pass-happy Gruden can't be pleased with three worthless QBs (Brad Johnson, Shaun King, Rob Johnson). He's brought in an all-star crew of new receivers (Ken Dillger, Joe Jurevicius, Keenan McCardell) and a solid RB (Michael Pittman), but will it be enough for the playoffs? Yes.

**Where to watch:** An Irish joint called Beef O'Brady's has the hottest waitresses and wings in Florida. Try 'em both.

**Tailgating:** More booze than a Russian wedding, and the cops don't seem to care. Park across the street at the Tampa Bay Center to save a few bucks.

"Gee, he really will walk all over you."



### CAROLINA PANTHERS

**Last year:** With a 29-year-old bum-shouldered rookie at QB, these jackoffs decided not to take franchise QB Joey Harrington in the '02 draft. No wonder they're riding a league-high 15-game losing streak.

**Key stats:** 31st-ranked defense; 30th-ranked offense

**Rumblings:** They suck.

**Outlook:** Sucky.

**Where to watch:** Don't.





SHIRTS VS. SKINS

## REBECCA GRANT

**Where to see her:** Saturdays on Fox's no-holds-barred *Under the Helmet*. But don't expect to see *this* much of her—we just have a way with women.

**Training camp:** Rebecca kicked off her career hosting a Buffalo Bills show.

"Then I heard *Under the Helmet* was looking for someone hip and not too prissy to hang with the guys—and that's exactly what I'm all about."

**Hit parade:** Rebecca's suggestion to the NFL brass? "Get rid of the fair catch. Nothing's more boring than a returner waving his hand in the air, then letting the ball bounce into the end zone."

**Chicks with picks:** "The AFC is wide-open, but I'm going with the Dolphins," Rebecca says. "The addition of Ricky Williams makes them a contender. In the NFC, Tampa Bay. Gruden is one of the best coaches in the game and will turn that team around."

**Blood, sweat, no cheers:** Despite superior gridiron knowledge, Rebecca fights stereotypes. "At the Pro Bowl people kept coming up to me at the hotel pool and asking who I cheer for."

—Jonathan Stewart



## OFFENSE

### 1. QB - BRETT FAVRE Green Bay Packers

**On the field:** First QB with 10 consecutive 3,000-yard seasons; first with over four 30-touchdown seasons (six and counting); hasn't missed a game in nine years. Do we need to go on? **In your face:** "You zero in to really hurt him," says Giants DE Michael Strahan, who has one (very questionable) career sack against Favre, "but instead he hurts you. Then he gets up and spits tobacco juice in your eye." That's our boy.

### 2. RB - MARSHALL FAULK St. Louis Rams

**On the field:** Flat-out the smartest, most dominant football player on the planet. Case closed.

### 3. FB - LARRY CENTERS Buffalo Bills

**On the field:** This six-foot, 225-pound punch in the face holds the RB record for single-season receptions (101), career catches (765), and career yards (6,303). **In your face:** We once saw Centers hit All-Pro DE Richard Dent so hard, Dent spent the rest of the game forgetting his assignments and chasing a laughing Centers all over the field. Suckah!

### 4. WR - WAYNE CHREBET New York Jets

**On the field:** The biggest set o' huevos rancheros in the sport. **In your face:** You know the story. Little Jersey kid, too small to play college ball, spends four years at shithole Hofstra, then sends homemade highlight reels to all 30 NFL teams. Now, he picks up his Pro Bowl trophies in a Bentley.

### 5. WR - TERRELL OWENS San Francisco 49ers

**On the field:** This guy's so good, he ran Jerry Rice out of town. **In your face:** Started a near-riot in Dallas after all but defecating on the Cowboys star as part of a midfield celebration. Damn right we thought that was *funny*.

### 6. TE - TONY GONZALEZ Kansas City Chiefs

**On the field:** The best TE of all time. **In your face:** Seeing this guy block Ray Lewis one play, outrun a CB the next, and stiff-arm a gaggle of models later that night is enough to make you sick. Unless you're riding shotgun. Thanks, Tony.

### 7. C - OLIN KREUTZ Chicago Bears

**On the field:** Violent to a fault. **In your face:** "Fights are going to happen," says Kreutz, who was forced to attend anger management classes after breaking his college teammate's jaw during a locker room fight. "They're definitely going to happen for *me*. I'm going to get fined. I've already put [the check] aside."

### 8. T - KYLE TURLEY New Orleans Saints

**On the field:** Makes Tyson look stable. **In your face:** This crazy fuck declined a Pro Bowl trip to be the grand marshal of a Mardi Gras parade. Titties over trophies? We like that.

### 9. T - CHRIS SAMUELS Washington Redskins

**On the field:** Forty-two straight college starts without allowing a sack. Has yet to miss a game—or a block—in the NFL. **In your face:** Six-foot-five, 303 pounds, and "as mean a guy as there is," according to Pro Bowl DE Hugh Douglas. That's good enough for us.

### 10. G - LARRY ALLEN Dallas Cowboys

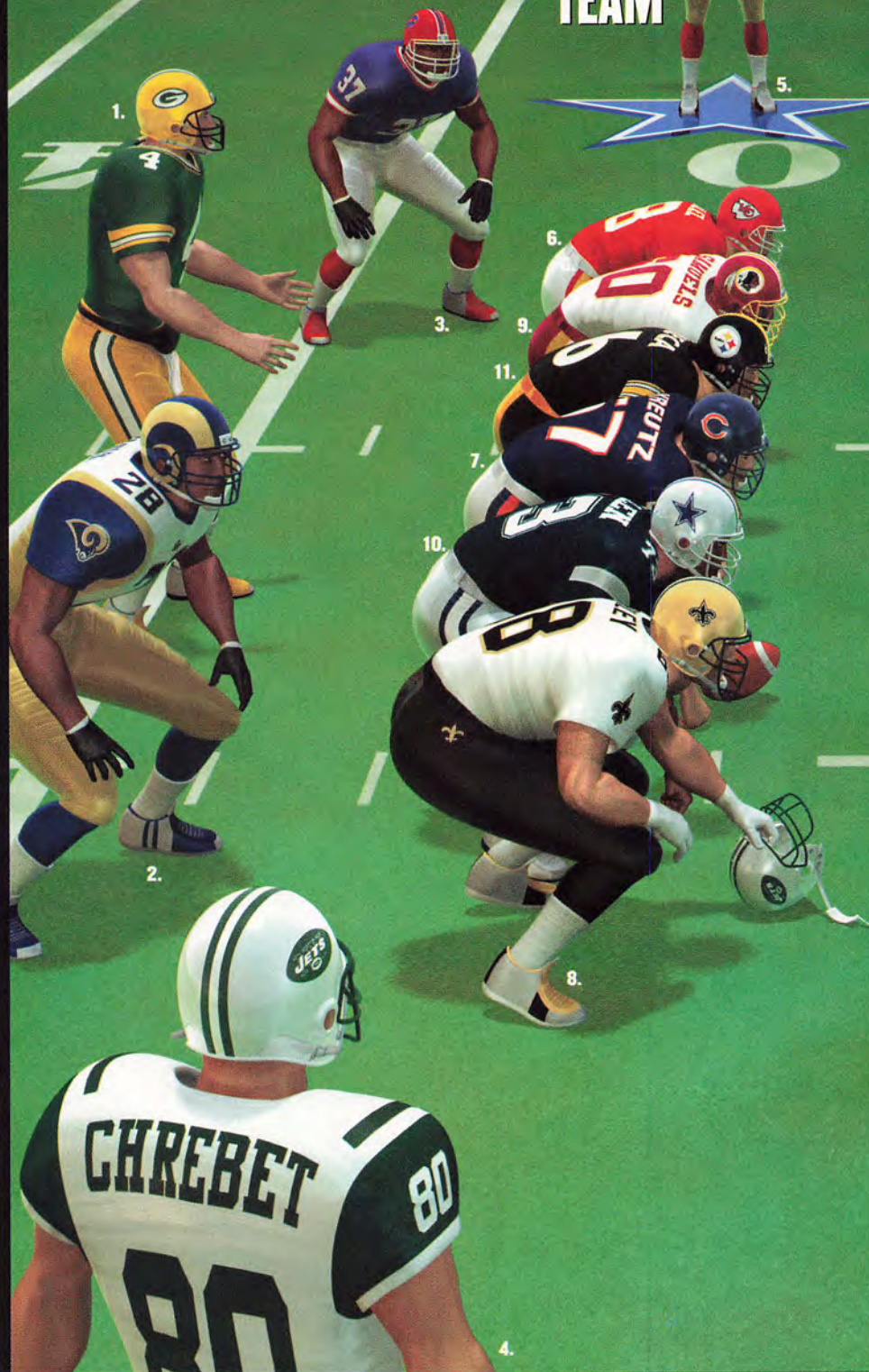
**On the field:** "We call him the legalized killer," says Strahan. "He doesn't just block people, he *hurts* people." **In your face:** "The saddest thing," Strahan continues, "is how many NFL players pull up with mysterious injuries before they have to play him. We call that catching 'Allenitis.'"

### 11. G - ALAN FANECIA Pittsburgh Steelers

**On the field:** If we have to explain why this guy's on our team, maybe you're reading the wrong magazine.

**THE** We painstakingly select 22 of the most twisted, violent, shit-talkin'est players in the NFL. You got a problem with that?

# ALL-MAXIM TEAM







## DEFENSE

### 12. DL - MICHAEL STRAHAN New York Giants

**On the field:** NFL record 22.5 sacks in 2001. **In your face:** "I won't fix it," Strahan says of the glory-hole-size gap in his teeth, "because I am beautiful. When I run over a quarterback, I love to lay on top of him and flash him that big old gap. It says, 'Michael Strahan was here.'"

### 13. DL - JOHN ABRAHAM New York Jets

**On the field:** Jets coordinator Ted Cottrell says he's the one guy capable of breaking Strahan's sack record. **In your face:** More than anything, we just couldn't resist the chance to create new New York Twin Towers. Heads up, Osama.

### 14. DL - JOHN RANDLE Seattle Seahawks

**On the field:** Studies opposing players' bios for dirt on their wives, sisters, mothers, etc. **In your face:** Once intentionally and falsely accused RB Keith Elias of calling him the dreaded N-word, so he could terrorize him all game. "You called me what? I'm gonna kill you today." Elias was scared to death: "That guy's nuts. I never said that." Yeah, but it worked.

### 15. LB - RAY LEWIS Baltimore Ravens

**On the field:** Intelligent, big, strong, and very, very angry. **In your face:** No, he didn't kill those two guys in Atlanta. But Lewis' gangster, street-thug persona is no act. Thank God he's playing on our team.

### 16. LB - BRIAN URLACHER Chicago Bears

**On the field:** Leads the league in pain. **In your face:** "He reminds me of a cross between [Dick] Butkus and [Mike] Singletary," says Iron Mike Ditka. "And he's not one of these jagoffs who talks about how good he is." But we will.

### 17. LB - LAVAR ARRINGTON Washington Redskins

**On the field:** The NFL's version of *The WaterBoy*'s slightly addled Bobby Boucher. **In your face:** It takes a bad man to date tennis star Serena Williams. She's a screamer.

### 18. LB - KEITH BROOKING Atlanta Falcons

**On the field:** "I'm starting to like the taste of my own blood," Brooking told us, referring to the weekly gash on the bridge of his nose. "Feeling it run down my face gets me charged." **In your face:** Born in Senoia, GA; starred at Georgia Tech; Pro Bowler for the Falcons; dates Miss Georgia. Top that.

### 19. CB - RONDE BARBER Tampa Bay Buccaneers

**On the field:** Led the NFL in picks in 2001, he forced fumbles, scored touchdowns, blocked punts, and broke up more passes than Mary-Kate and Ashley's dad. **In your face:** Loves to fuck with celebs by pretending to be his twin brother, Tiki. Or maybe the guy's just cashing two checks.

### 20. CB - AENEAS WILLIAMS St. Louis Rams

**On the field:** Fifty interceptions in 11 years. **In your face:** Williams is the most complete NFL cornerback since Hall of Famer Lester "the Molester" Hayes. Deion Sanders may have been flashier, but Williams will knock you on your ass.

### 21. SS - RODNEY HARRISON San Diego Chargers

**On the field:** Leads free world in vicious hits. **In your face:** Harrison gets so crazy-drunk on adrenaline, he actually blacks out during games. It's like playing against a 'roided-out Tasmanian Devil. Just ask Trent Green.

### 22. PAT TILLMAN U.S. Army

**On the field:** The 25-year-old safety set the Arizona Cardinals record for most tackles in a season (224) in 2000. **In your face:** Turned his back on a \$3.6 million NFL contract to fight terrorists for \$1,443 a month? With a guy like Tillman headed to the Army Rangers, we feel safer already.



**SHIRTS VS. SKINS**

# JILLIAN BARBERIE

**Where to see her:** Neither snow nor rain nor gloom of night keeps Jillian from wearing her appointed skimpy outfits as the weather goddess on the *Fox NFL Pre-Game Show*.

**Going deep:** "When I first interviewed for Fox, they wanted to know how much I knew about the NFL, so I told them: 'diddly squat.' But when I was sitting in the stands with my dad when I was little, I always stared at the beautiful female sportscasters on the sidelines—that's who I wanted to be."

**Chicks with picks:** "I had a boyfriend when I was 17 who was a huge Dan Marino fan, so I'm predicting that the Dolphins will win the Super Bowl." (We won't tell her that Marino hasn't played this century if you won't.)

**Locker room talk:** Who says half-crazed ex-jocks have no class? "The best part of my job is all the fun we get to have on the air," Jillian says. "Terry Bradshaw loves to ask me, 'How's the weather in the mountains?' and I'll fire back some crack about 'Mount Baldy.' It's a blast."—J.S.







And this is his happy face

## TALKIN' TRASH

# RAY LEWIS

## Linebacker, Baltimore Ravens

### Can NFL players still be intimidated?

Hell, yeah! Those gator arms, they come out quicker than you think when a guy knows I'm coming. I'm like that pit bull that will snatch a steak right from under your nose. I'm looking to punish whoever's got the ball.

### Too bad quarterbacks are protected by all those rules, huh?

That's not football. If I had a choice, I'd be playing back in the day—balls-to-the-wall football where anything goes. Clothes-lines, anything.

### So you've had to change your game to avoid league fines?

These rules are probably making other players with that old-school mentality slow their games down. I said other players. Not me. I don't care how much I get fined. I'm not changing my game.

### Tell us about that cut-blocking Denver Broncos offensive line.

Anyone who cut-blocks—I don't care if it's legal—is the cheapest bastard in the game. I can't believe the league lets a 300-pound offensive lineman just dive into a man's knees. And they're gonna fine us for tackling quarterbacks? Please.

### But the QB puts butts in the seat, right?

### Not to mention, he gets all the girls.

All the ladies? I don't know about that. Listen, I don't just want to be the best linebacker to play this game. I want to be one of the greatest players to ever play.

### But what about the ladies? Do you get dirty panties in the mail?

Let's just say I have a lot of fans. But it's nothing new. I went to college in Miami.

## AFC NORTH



These four teams hate each other. Their fans *really* hate each other. We love it!



## PITTSBURGH STEELERS

**Last year:** Everything went right for the 13-3 Steelers. Then, in the AFC Championship game, QB Kordell Stewart showed his true colors: yella!

**Key stats:** No. 1 defense; No. 3 offense; NFL-high 14 missed field goals.

**Rumblings:** Jerome "the Bus" Bettis ballooned to the size of the Madden Cruiser this off-season.

**Outlook:** Steelers did what any smart 13-3 division champion would. They re-signed every important player they had (11) and plugged some key holes, signing dependable backup QB Charlie Batch, WR Terrence Mathis, and K Todd Peterson. There isn't another AFC team with enough firepower to keep 'em out of the Super Bowl.

**Where to watch:** Clark Bar & Grill (412-231-5720) is a great sports bar set up in the 'Burgh's old Clark Bar candy factory. "Big Butt" Bettis will be so proud.

**Brown bagging:** When in town, the Cleveland Browns always stay at the Omni William Penn Hotel. You didn't hear it from us, but the guys *love* fake 5 A.M. wake-up calls.

## BALTIMORE RAVENS

**Last year:** Considering they lost Jamal Lewis in preseason and staked their entire season on the lame arm of Elvis Grbac, their 10-6 record looks pretty damn good.

**Key stats:** As of press time Baltimore's salary purge had cost them 12 of 22 starters and 23 players overall this off-season. But don't you worry, Ravens fans. You did pick up one player: journeyman QB Jeff Blake!

**Rumblings:** The Ravens lost the gamble that they could buy their second straight Super Bowl and wound up \$20 million over the 2002 salary cap. Oops!

**Outlook:** Not good. Key positions like QB, WR, and the entire secondary are in flux, while division rivals Cincinnati and Cleveland are stocked up and possibly on the rise. Don't tell Ray Lewis, but we wouldn't bet our extra toe cheese on the Ravens' making the playoffs.

**Ravens drinking game:** Now that the Baltimore Ravens defense will be living on the field, drink every time Lewis hits someone *hard*. Anyone still standing after the first quarter wins!

## CINCINNATI BENGALS

**Last year:** Same ol' story. The Cats started 2-0, then turned to pussies, finishing 6-10.

**Key stats:** The Bengals are an impressive 53-123 over the past 11 years.

**Rumblings:** The coaching staff is practically forcing would-be star WR Peter Warrick to get contact lenses in an effort to help him CATCH THE FREAKIN' BALL!

**Outlook:** Same ol' story. Right now the Bengals look good. RB Corey Dillon is running with power and behaving himself off the field. LB Takeo Spikes leads one of the NFL's most underrated defenses. And they're just a solid QB (either Jon Kitna or Gus Frerotte could do the job) away from a playoff spot. But they're still the Bengals, so 0-16 is always a possibility.

**Best seat in the house:** As far away from the Bengals cheerleaders as possible. Apparently, the organization is in full compliance with all the state's equal opportunity employment guidelines.

## CLEVELAND BROWNS

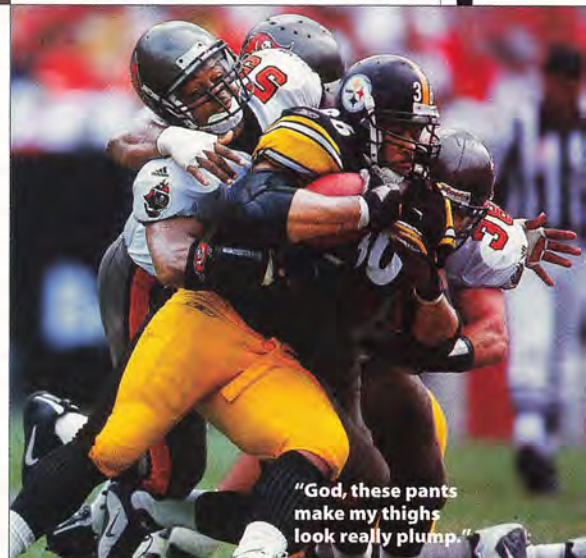
**Last year:** After a 6-4 start, the Browns smeared a Cleveland steamer on their fans, finishing 7-9.

**Key stats:** The Cleveland Browns have ranked dead last in total offense two years running. And their defense ain't too hot, neither (22nd).

**Rumblings:** Dwight Clark, director of football operations, did not resign voluntarily, as widely reported, but was pushed out by coach Butch Davis. C'mon now, girls—you're both pretty.

**Outlook:** A lot of people have the Browns in the playoff hunt this year, but we're not buying it—unless, of course, they play flawless ball, whereby we reserve the right to wash down our words with 12-year-old scotch.

**Look out:** Forget for a moment that this team is named after a shade of bacon strip. And that their most rabid fans may actually be rabid. Cleveland Browns Stadium is a glorious place. The Dawg Pound has even been known to group-pee on the cars of visiting fans. Ruff! Ruff!



"God, these pants make my thighs look really plump."



# AFC SOUTH

No teams have gone south faster than those in the new AFC South.



## INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

**Last year:** Only the FBI-CIA terrorism tag team under-achieved more than the 6-10 Colts last year. With arguably the league's best QB (Peyton Manning), the best RB (Edgerrin James), and a top-five WR (Marvin Harrison), Indy had no trouble scoring...but neither did anyone else.

**Key stats:** No. 2 offense; No. 29 on defense (Coach Tony Dungy used seven of eight draft picks on defense.)

**Rumblings:** We hear that James, who stayed in Miami instead of attending Colts' minicamp, wished that he, and not Ricky Williams, had been traded to the Dolphins.

**Outlook:** For three years Indy's been a defense away from the Super Bowl. Defensive guru Tony Dungy will win the division. But their playoff run will die in Pittsburgh.

**We win!** Congrats, Colts fans! Jill, your 2002 Cheerleader of the Week (colts.com), is the NFL's hottest rah-rah.

**What to watch:** Plant yourself behind the Colts bench and feast your eyes on the blonde with the exquisite pompoms.

## TENNESSEE TITANS

**Last year:** Can *anyone* in this pansy division tackle? Titans (eighth-ranked offense) would have had a great season if coach Jeff Fisher's defense had had a clue. But when you hand out 24.2 points per game, 7-9 is what you get.

**Key stats:** That pathetic 2001 record would've won the AFC South had the division existed.

**Rumblings:** RB Eddie George is licking his chops and aiming for 1,500 yards now that the Titans have added battering ram Greg Comella at fullback.

**Outlook:** George and QB Steve McNair are too much for most teams, but the Freak (Jevon Kearse) can't play defense alone. Underachieving DE Kevin Carter will have to step up for the Titans to win more than a wild-card spot.

**Where not to watch:** Talk about backward. Jack Daniel's home, Lynchburg, Tennessee, is in a dry county. Commies!

**Bloody Sundays:** What's with this place? The Titans' hometown is dry before noon on Sundays. Better stock up.

## JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

**Last year:** The Jags...They're not good. It took every trick in drill sergeant Tom Coughlin's book to go 6-10.

**Key stats:** In March, Fred Taylor, who rushed for 116 yards last year, predicted he'll win the rushing title in 2002. Yeah, right. And we're gonna win the Pulitzer. Hey, *anything's* possible.

**Rumblings:** Players have tired of Coughlin's bullshit-in-a-china-shop coaching style. Defections are imminent.

**Outlook:** You can't dump 10 starters in one off-season and hope to compete. Even with a healthy Taylor (he's never played a full 16 games), Monday morning will be painful for QB Mark Brunell after losing two OTs and his center. We predict another 6-10 campaign.

**Where to watch:** Gator's Dockside. During NFL games, Gator's reportedly gives out football memorabilia to any woman who flashes the bar. See ya there!

**Tailgating:** At Gator's, you idiot!

## HOUSTON TEXANS

**Last year:** Is this a bad sign? The brand-spankin'-new expansion Texans hired Toro, their mascot, four months before they hired a head coach.

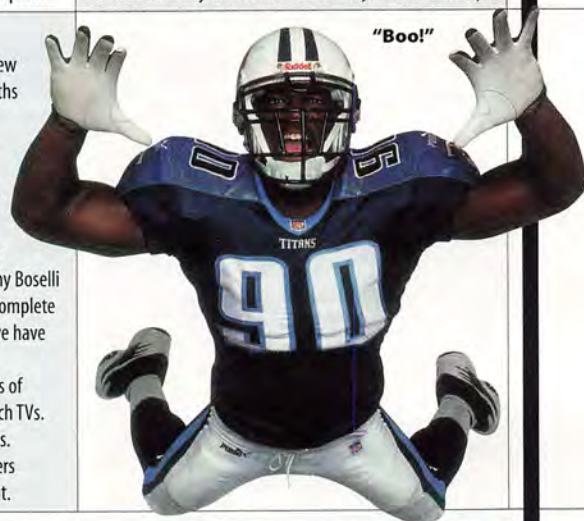
**Key stats:** The last five NFL expansion teams averaged just three wins in their first season.

**Rumblings:** The Texans could be the best first-year franchise ever. Says who? Says us.

**Outlook:** We love their decision to knock people on their ass right out of the gate, making badass OT Tony Boselli their first overall pick (as did the Jaguars in 1995). Complete lack of a pass rush will be a glaring weakness, but we have 'em penciled in for six wins.

**Where to watch:** There's a video café inside Jillian's of Houston with 14—count 'em, 14—separate 60-inch TVs. Plus, food and drink specials during all Texans games.

**Tailgating:** How the hell should we know? The Oilers restricted tailgating—but look how they turned out.



"How about I raccoon your ass?"



## TALKIN' TRASH

## BRIAN URLACHER

Linebacker, Chicago Bears

**Michael Strahan vs. Tiki Barber: Are fights like that between teammates common?** Heck, yeah! That happens on every team.

**Your buddy, Keith Brooking of the Atlanta Falcons, told us he's had coaches ask him to start fights in practice. Why?** Fights keep you going. You may be dragging ass in practice, but if there's a fight going on, it makes you want to go out there and hit somebody even worse. In college we'd fight every single day. Now we get fined, but we still fight all the time. I love it. That's the best part of practice.

**Smack talker? Yes or no?** I don't say a whole lot unless the other guy's really running his mouth.

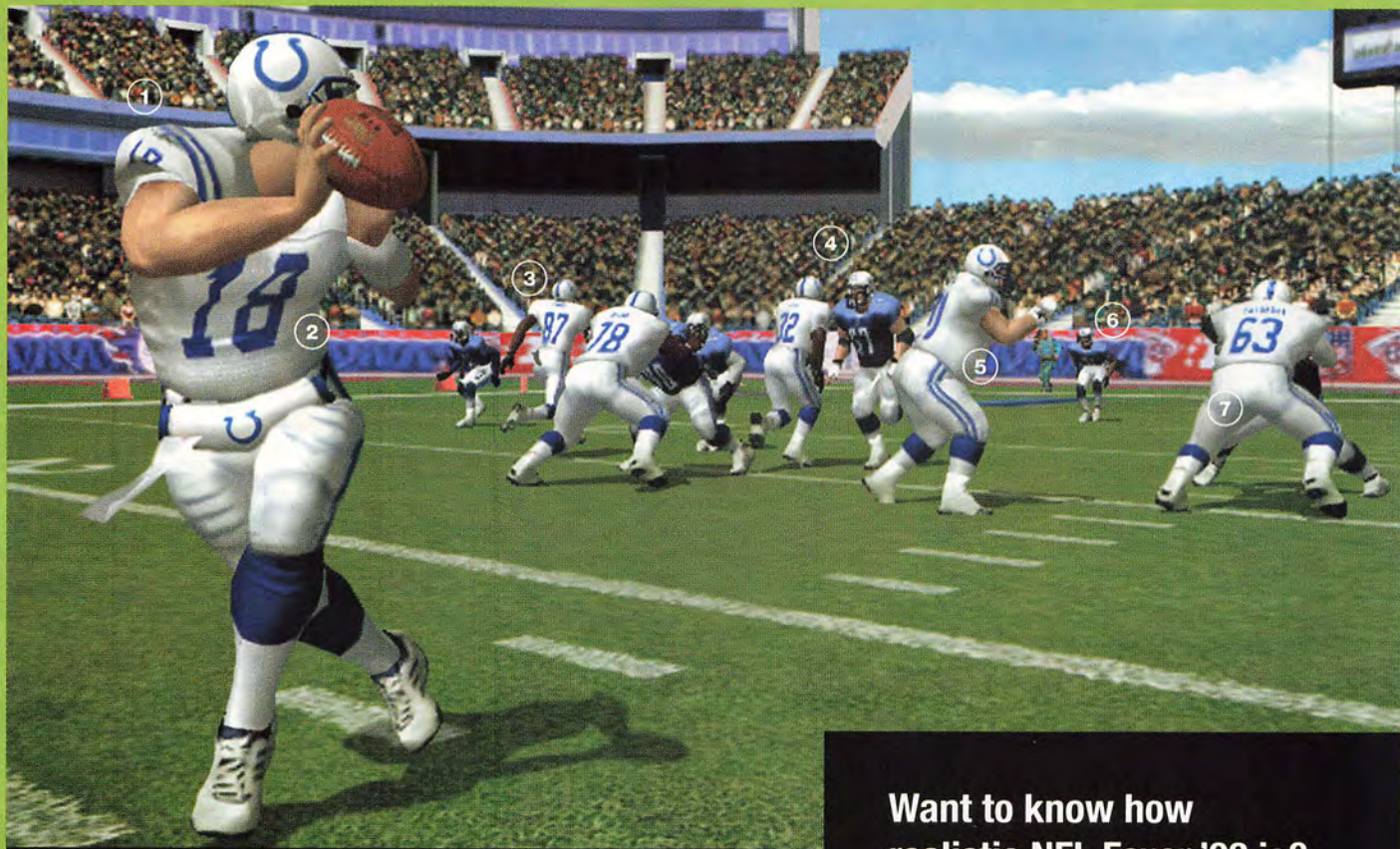
**We've heard that the Denver Broncos love**

**the cut block. Is that true?** Yeah, they're famous for that. I hate that shit. All linemen do that crap. They're a bunch of cheaters.

**Is it your job as an LB to scare the shit out of receivers coming across the middle?** If I get a shot on a guy, I'm going to take it. Receiver, running back, tight end—it doesn't matter. If I get a chance to hit someone, I'm going to hit him—hard.

**The Bears went from worst (5-11) to first (13-3) in one year. What's next?** Man, we had a great season. But then we got smoked in the playoffs. I've been watching the tape of that game all summer. We just got pounded by Philadelphia. That can't happen again.





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TALKIN' TRASH

## TOM BRADY

Quarterback, New England Patriots

**Now that you've won the Super Bowl, you're beating the women off with a stick, right?**

Oh, man. *[laughing]* It's not like that, believe me. My coach was joking with me, "It's funny how much better looking you get after you've won the Super Bowl." That's the truth. Girls wouldn't give me the time of day before. It's been fun.

**Was Mariah Carey fun?**

Where do you guys get this stuff? *[laughing harder]* I've only met her once, I swear.

**Back to the X's and O's, who talks the most smack in the NFL?**

There was one guy from Carolina, Mike Rucker, who talked during our entire game with them last year. Every play. Carolina was 1-15. Shut up! But he just kept on going.

**Who are some of the scariest guys to see on the other side of the ball?**

Luckily, I've never played against Ray Lewis, [Brian] Urlacher, or Keith Brooking. But Zach Thomas, down in Miami, is all over the field. It's always tough to play them.

**After an interception, do you ever feel like you've got a big bull's-eye target painted on your jersey?**

Yeah, some defensive guys will take your head off. I'm always looking around. As soon as I see the guy with the ball go down, I let out a sigh of relief. Thank goodness, this play is over.

**What do you say to all of us think you're a one-hit wonder?**

Well, we'll see. I'm ready to strap on the pads and let all the naysayers out there take their shots.

## AFC EAST

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### NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

**Last year:** After an 0-2 start, the \$103 million franchise QB goes down, and all heaven breaks loose. Drew *who*? A few short months later, the Massholes are Super Bowl champs. Hey, don't blame us for cashing in at 7:1.

**Key stats:** When was the last time a 24th-ranked defense and 19th-ranked offense won the Super Bowl? Bingo!

**Rumblings:** Coach Bill Belichick is laughing at suggestions that he shouldn't have traded Bledsoe to the division rival Bills. He's had Bledsoe's number since his Jets days.

**Outlook:** Put it this way: If the Patriots pull off another Super Bowl miracle, we'll bang every bimbo in Boston. Hell, we'll probably do it anyway. The point is, they've got nowhere to go but down. (The Patriots, not the bimbos.) Not bringing in a quality backup QB is a huge mistake.

**Where to watch:** Foxboro. That's right, just 25 miles from downtown Boston sits the Pats' brand new \$325 million palace. CMGI Field's sound system alone (2,000 speakers) cost \$12 million, twice the total price of building broke-ass Foxboro back in 1971.

### NEW YORK JETS

**Last year:** First-year coach Herman "Houdini" Edwards led a bad team (19th-ranked defense; 24th-ranked offense) to a 10-6 record and the playoffs. Too bad he let half the defense disappear in the expansion draft.

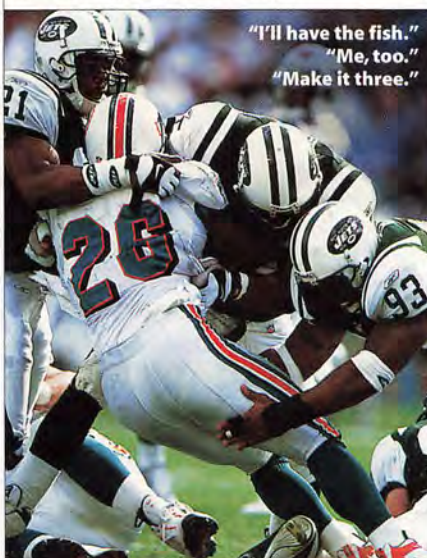
**Key stats:** The loss of CBs Aaron Glenn and Marcus Coleman saved the Jets \$13 million in cap space for 2002. Maybe that Edwards guy is smarter than we thought.

**Rumblings:** QB-in-waiting Chad Pennington is crap and will join an endless line of Jets QB flops.

**Outlook:** The rebuilt defense will be better, stronger, and faster—particularly with new LB Sam Cowart. But gimpy QB Vinny Testaverde will be lucky to be walking by season's end. Another 10-6 season sounds about right.

**Where to watch:** Nothing beats halftime at a Jets game. Fans along the circular stadium ramps drop dollar bills into the pit below. Then, when the first sucker makes his move toward the cash, they unleash a waterfall of beer, spit, piss, feces, whatever, onto his head. J-E-T-S! Fun! Fun! Fun!

**Where to watch your wallet:** Everywhere.



"I'll have the fish."  
"Me, too."  
"Make it three."



### MIAMI DOLPHINS

**Last year:** Typical Dolphins. Their anemic running game couldn't carry an 11-5 season past the first round of the playoffs. Yet again, the fish got squished.

**Key stats:** If RB Ricky Williams had been drafted by Miami in 1999, he'd already be their fifth all-time leading rusher.

**Rumblings:** Williams, famous for his communication skills, is telling all Miami, "We're going to the Super Bowl."

**Outlook:** Run-first coach Dave Wannstedt will ride Williams to a rushing title. If QB Jay Fiedler doesn't blow it, the defensively solid 'Fins could go deep into the playoffs.

**Where to watch:** Listen! We don't care if you have seats in the cheerleaders' shower room, there's no way it'll beat South Beach. We've spent days sampling nothing but topless paddleball tournaments and studying the effects of ultraviolet light on Euro areolae. Oh...right...football. TiVo the game and watch it in the morning.

**Tailgating:** Did we mention that South Beach is a veritable orgy of cultural diversity? Bring 300 beers to Collins Ave. You won't believe the gait on some of that tail.

"Hey, nice to  
knee ya."



### BUFFALO BILLS

**Last year:** After going 8-8 in 2000, QB Doug Flutie got the boot. Thirteen losses later, they still suck.

**Key stats:** Buffalo got QB Drew Bledsoe, a 30,000-yard passer, for one measly draft pick in 2003.

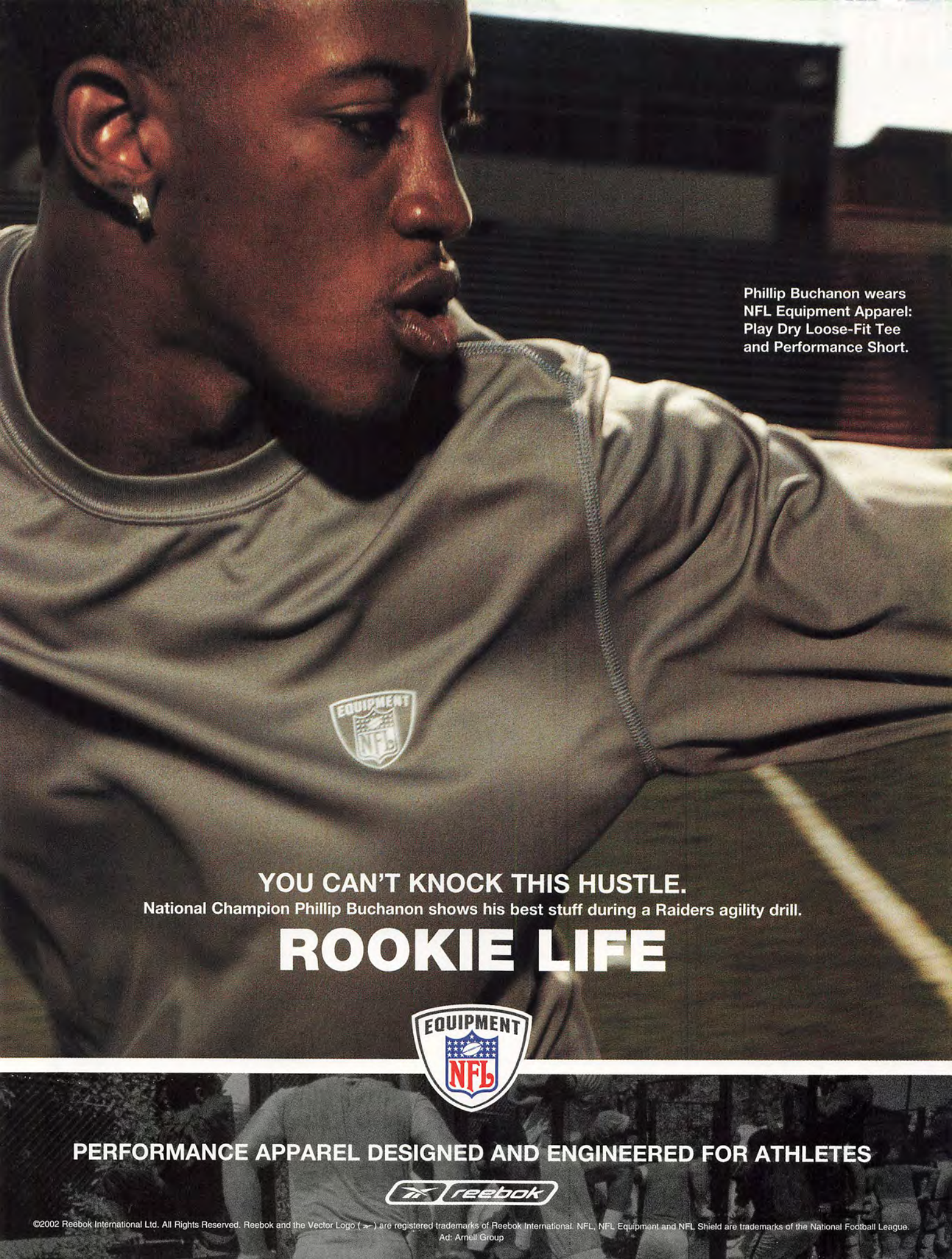
**Rumblings:** Bills fans bought 1,500 season tickets the week Bledsoe arrived, thinking their 3-13 team is now headed to the playoffs. They're out of their freakin' minds.

**Outlook:** Sure, Bledsoe will make the Bills better, particularly in the locker room. But the 21st-ranked defense lost its best player in Sam Cowart, and the offense will not be lighting up the scoreboard anytime soon. We're betting on an 8-8 season. Any takers?

**Where to watch:** Ever wonder where Hooters found thousands of buffalo with little, tiny wings? Head to the Anchor Bar, the birthplace of Buffalo wings.

**Tailgating:** Somebody please FedEx 52,000 lives to the Bills parking lot ASAP. These freaks show up to the stadium on—get this!—Thursday for Sunday games. Chef's specialty? Half a skinned deer. *That's* class.



A close-up, profile shot of Phillip Buchanon, a professional football player, wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt with an NFL Equipment logo on the chest. He is looking down and to the side with a focused expression. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be an outdoor practice field.

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**SHIRTS VS. SKINS**

# LISA GUERRERO

**Where to see her:** One place you won't find the sexy hostess of *The Best Damn Sports Show Period* is at home. "By my calculations," Lisa tells us, "I'm live on the air 100 minutes a day."

**Training camp:** Growing up, Guerrero played softball and beach volleyball and went on to shake her pompoms as a Los Angeles Rams cheerleader.

**Unsportsmanlike conduct:** As a sports reporter for L.A.'s KCBS, Lisa caught more than her share of flack from jealous colleagues. "Some people think that if you're attractive, you can't be talented, too. Well, I didn't get that memo." **Chicks with picks:** "Rams and Steelers, that's my Super Bowl," Lisa says with conviction. "But it all depends on Kordell Stewart. Will he step up his game? That's the big question."

**Time to punt:** "I call it the third-date syndrome. The first two are great and then—like clockwork—the guy says, 'You know you have to stop doing locker room interviews, right?' Nobody wants their girlfriend in a room full of naked millionaires—but that's my job."





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## AFC WEST

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"Gonzalez, go for two!"

### OAKLAND RAIDERS

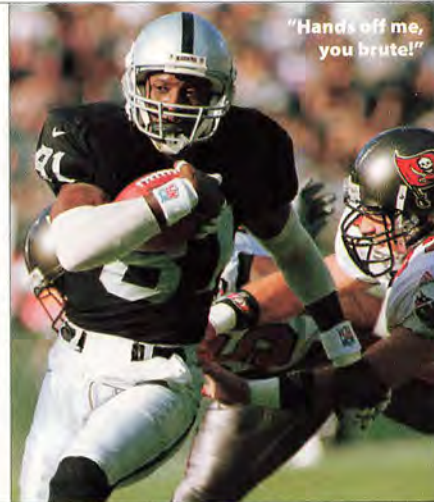
**Last year:** "The NFL owes me dinner and a movie," one Raiderette told us this off-season. Fact is, the entire Raiders Nation thinks they got "tucked" after the now infamous "tuck rule" deflowered their 10-6 season.

**Key stats:** Al Davis—that little slimeball—tricked Tampa Bay into sending their top two draft picks (both projected starters), plus \$8 million, for the rights to coach Jon Gruden. And Gruden was leaving anyway.

**Rumblings:** Team captain Tim Brown says no one—including him—liked Gruden's coaching style or play calling and that the team is better off without him.

**Outlook:** The best team in a weak division. More emphasis on the running game will help, as will the addition of future Hall of Famers Rod Woodson and Bill Romanowski.

**Where to watch:** Toss the remote. Ricky's Sports Theater & Grill has 70 TVs, including sets in both the men's and women's bathrooms, all tuned to the Silver & Black.



"Hands off me, you brute!"

### DENVER BRONCOS

**Last year:** Great defense, shitty offense equals a team that was lucky to go 8-8.

**Key stat:** Once promising QB Brian Griese tossed 19 interceptions in 2001.

**Rumblings:** Griese's on the hot seat. Last season he pleaded guilty to DWI charges. This off-season he knocked himself unconscious in teammate Terrell Davis' driveway. "We'll find out this year," says coach Mike Shanahan, "if he likes a little pressure on him."

**Outlook:** With no backup QB (Steve Beuerlein was crap before his bum elbow), Griese is the key. The combo of Davis and converted FB Mike Anderson is deadly, but Griese needs to rediscover his touch—and lay off the booze—for the Broncos to win.

**Where to watch:** C.B. & Potts is Bronco country on game day. Send us a picture of yourself (inside and alive) wearing a Raiders hat and we'll send you... nothing! (Sucker.)

### KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

**Last year:** The 6-10 Chiefs couldn't stop the run with a case of Pepto-Bismol in 2001.

**Key stats:** Coach Dick "Cry Baby" Vermeil (now in his second year with the Chiefs) has never made the playoffs before his third year as head coach (Eagles, Rams). Will history repeat?

**Rumblings:** Owner Lamar Hunt's penny-pinching with Tony Gonzalez came close to starting a locker room mutiny.

**Outlook:** Offensively, they're as good as any team. RB Priest Holmes is a horse. Gonzalez could be the best TE ever. And WR Johnnie Morton was a great pickup. We even think QB Trent Green will continue to improve. But the Chiefs will not make the playoffs until they get a clue on defense.

**Where to watch:** Why hang with 50,000 drunks when you can booze alone? Arrowhead Stadium is designed so the roar of the crowd comes crashing down on the parking lot. Buy a Robin portable generator (877-671-1448) and watch the game in style.

### SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

**Last year:** The Bolts looked great in Week 7 (5-2). Nine games later coach Mike Riley was riding a nine-game losing streak straight to the unemployment line.

**Key stat:** WR Tim Dwight, who's never caught more than 32 passes in a season, got a five-year, \$20 million contract.

**Rumblings:** CBS has given the NFL one year to put a team in L.A.—the nation's second largest market—and the Chargers, who will move their training camp to L.A. next year, will be that team. You heard it here first.

**Outlook:** All depends on who's the QB. Drew Brees is San Diego's future, but Doug "Mighty Mouse" Flutie is not one to step aside quietly. With help from RB LaDainian Tomlinson and the best LBs in the AFC, either QB could get 'em eight wins. Neither will get 'em into the postseason.

**Tailgating:** Qualcomm Stadium boasts the third largest parking lot in the NFL. Head to Section D1—"the Inner Ring"—for some true debauchery.

### TALKIN' TRASH

## MICHAEL VICK

Quarterback, Atlanta Falcons

**One year on the bench, now you're a starting quarterback. Have NFL coaches tried to change your game at all?**

Nope. I'm working on my reads and trying to become a better pocket passer. But that's it. And that's only going to improve my game.

**So they're not asking you to return kicks, line up wide, or do their laundry?**

No one's ever tried to change my position. I'm a quarterback—that's it. But they did make me buy breakfast my rookie year.

**What do you expect from the team in 2002?**

We're trying to win 16 games. Everybody, including coaches, is expecting big things.

**Well...just in case that doesn't pan out, how do you get your kicks in the off-season?**

I love four-wheelers. I have four of 'em back in Virginia. I just love tearing up the woods on those things.

**Sounds dangerous.**

Um...yeah, but I'm really, really careful. You hear that, coach?

**How pissed are you after throwing an interception? Ever try to take the guy's head off?**

Yeah, but not a lot. Those defensive guys are taking cheap shots, too. So now I just try to get out of the way.

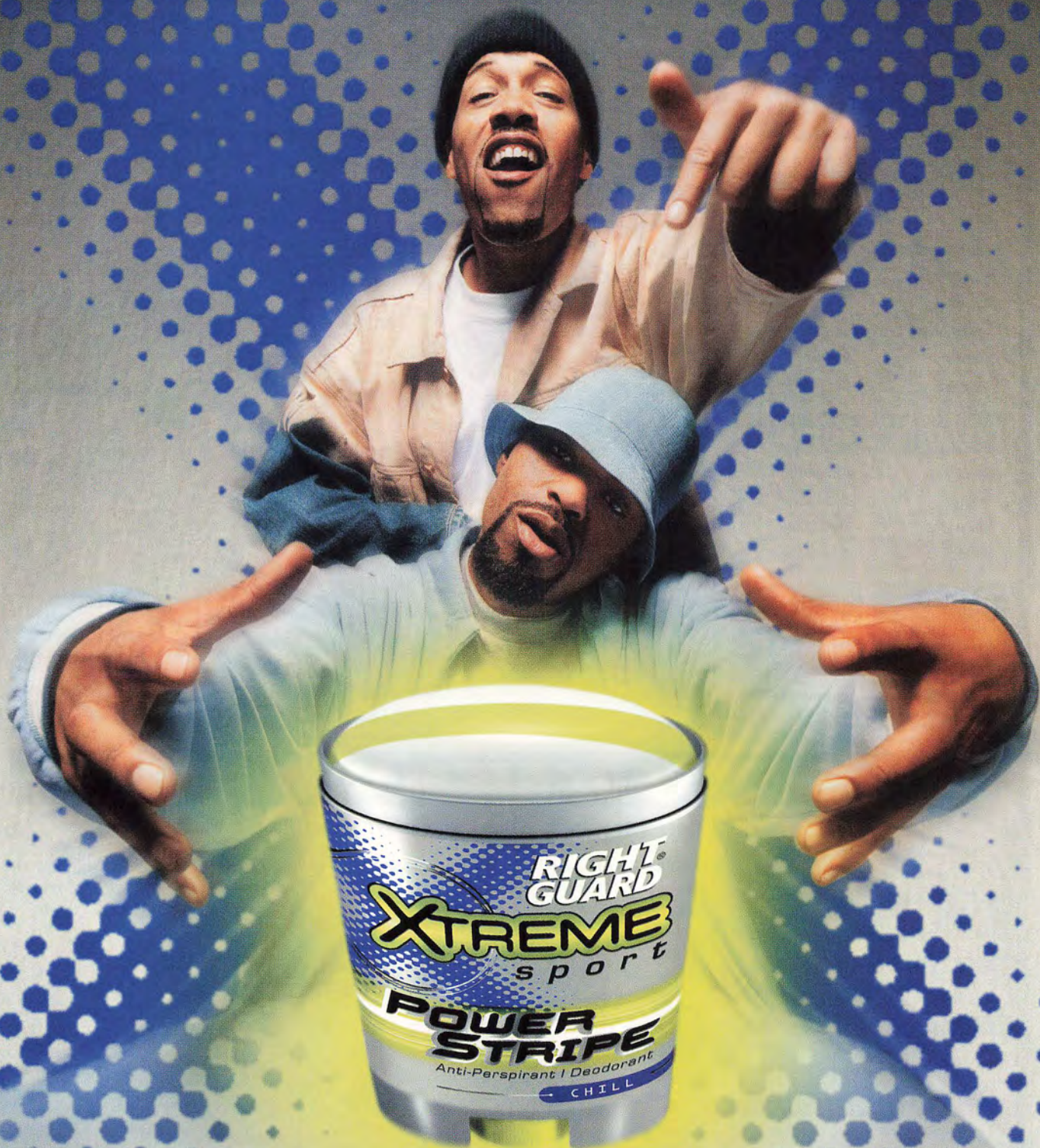
**We saw you at the Maxim Super Bowl party in New Orleans. Remember anything from that night?**

Yeah! It was great. I was just coolin' out. I think...



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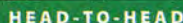


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## SHIRTS VS. SKINS

### LEEANN TWEEDEN

**Where to see her:** Leeann will be on TV more than the Olsen Twins this season. In addition to her gig as a reporter on the *Best Damn Sports Show Period*, she's roaming the sidelines of nearly every team for Fox.

**Training camp:** Leeann's old man was a racecar driver. "So at seven years old I was spraying down dragster radiators. Pretty sexy, huh?"

**Extra points:** The success of Leeann's ESPN2 show, *Fitness Beach*, landed her a gig as a voice of *SFX Motocross*. "The racers would ask me stuff like, 'Who tells you what to say?' Then I'd break down the race, and their

jaws would drop."

**Chicks with picks:** "I'm a Redskins fan, and I don't try to hide it," Leeann boasts. "Look, I'm not Barbara Walters or even Bonnie Bernstein, so I have no problem saying to guys I'm interviewing, 'You play for Tampa Bay, but the Redskins are going to kick your butts.'"

**Huddle up:** Originally invited on *BDSSP* as a one-shot guest, Leeann was such a hit that she's been a regular ever since. "Hang out with me enough and after a while you'll say, 'Yeah, she's one of the guys.' Until it's time to dress up and go out, and then you'll say, 'Damn!'"









**The Mob's gone. Now outlaw biker gangs are battling for global crime turf with AK-47s and antitank rockets, and the death toll's rising fast. It's the Hells Angels versus everyone in the deadliest gang war the world's ever seen.**

BY LAMONT JAMES

# HELL





# ON WHEELS



## LAUGHLIN, NEVADA APRIL 27, 2002; 2:10 A.M.

In the stark desert lowlands of southern Nevada, the town of Laughlin sticks up out of the desert like a poor man's Reno—a long-ass drive from anywhere, one two-mile-long paved block of cheese that runs along the Colorado River. It's the fourth day of the 20th annual River Run, and the town's 12,000 hotel rooms are packed with bikers from all over the Southwest. Most are weekend warriors—guys who polish up their Harleys once a year, leather babes who'll flash their tits at anyone who can whistle. Even in the early morning hours, 80,000 chrome cowboys are sucking the town's liquor well dry.

Headed south down the strip, 35 Hells Angels are cruising in a tight pack. The curdling rev of beefed-up V-twin Hog engines echoes off the casinos lining the road. Rolling thunder, as they say. At the end of town, the pack hangs a left into the valet parking lot of Harrah's Casino. Clad in jeans, boots, and leather vests sporting the Hells Angels colors, the bikers park by the door. Most leave their keys in the ignitions.

They don't plan on staying long.

Raising nervous eyes from the blackjack tables, the Angels shuffle in and fill the hotel lobby. Security intercepts them.

"It's cool, man," one older Angel says. "We got brothers staying here. We came to party with 'em."

Not 100 feet away, some 40 members of a rival club—the East L.A.-based Mongols—are gathered at Rosa's Cantina, a bar set in a sea of nickel slots and blackjack tables. Sporting black and white lowrider patches on their jackets, the Mongols are armed with hammers, wrenches, and knives. They've been waiting. The Angels head straight for the fray.

"Who's in charge here?" says one Mongol as the two groups square off. "We don't want any trouble."

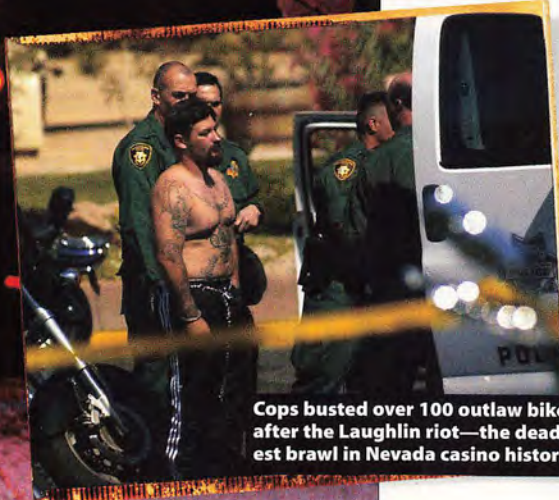
"I am," says an Angel, stepping forward.

There on the casino floor, surveillance cameras are rolling. Every move, every word is being captured on crude video. As the two leaders turn to walk away, the trash-talking starts among the others.

"What's your problem?" says a Mongol.

"You're my fuckin' problem!" screams one Hells Angel.

At the front line one Angel rears back and delivers a kung fu kick to the chest of a Mongol. The two sides clash like vans full of men smacking into trees. Wrenches and knives arc through the air in a frenzy, ►



**Cops busted over 100 outlaw bikers after the Laughlin riot—the deadliest brawl in Nevada casino history.**



splitting skin and cracking bone. Screeching waitresses dive for cover as blackjack tables are hurled over, raining cards and chips over terrified bystanders.

When the sharp *snap, snap* of gunfire blasts through the casino, every hair in the joint stands on end. In the middle of the melee, a dark-haired man in black leather is fiddling frantically with a pistol.

He is reloading. In a hurry.

Just minutes later, 10 ambulances and rows of cop cars arrived at Harrah's to cart off the dead and mangled. The Mohave County SWAT team surrounded the place. All bridges and highways in and out of town were blocked off.

For all the Wild West's glory, the incident at Laughlin was the deadliest gunfight in the history of Nevada casinos.

The Angels and their smaller rival, the Mongols, had a history of their own. The clash started two decades earlier over which club had the right to wear a CALIFORNIA patch. But the battle at Harrah's wasn't just a continuation of their blood feud. It was the latest salvo in an unprecedented international turf war between the Hells Angels and virtually every other biker gang. Over the past few months, this war has become a distinctly American conflict, raging from coast to coast. At stake: a lot of pride, not to mention billions in low-end street crime—drugs, protection rackets, the stuff the Mob handled

before it crumbled. And the bloodshed, investigators agree, is just beginning.

"In no time in history have you had all these groups squaring off against the Hells Angels," says recently retired FBI biker gang investigator Tim McKinley, who tracked these clubs as an agent for two decades. "This is unprecedented. The



The patch of the outlaw, "the people your mother warned you about."

Angels are going to have to respond accordingly if they wish to survive."

Using interviews with members of different clubs, their lawyers, FBI and other officials, and bystanders who witnessed these killings, *Maxim* has dug deep into the well of madness behind the deadliest biker gang conflict ever.

## THE ONE-PERCENTERS

The date was July 3, 1947. The six officers policing Hollister, California had completely lost control of their town. Thousands of drunks were drag racing their Indian Scouts and custom Harleys down San Benito Street, which was knee-deep in broken glass from shattered beer bottles. The local hospital's ER was overflowing with accident victims.

In broad daylight Jim Cameron, a member of a club called the Boozefighters, rode his bike through the front door of Johnny's pub, rolled up to the jam-packed bar, revved the engine, and demanded a beer. Outside, another Boozefighter—19-year-old Jim Morrison—was pissing into the radiator of a stranger's car. Three others—Wino, Kokomo, and Fuzzy—were screeching through town in a Model T, rope towing an unconscious drunk they'd shoved into a wheelchair.

On this day the outlaw biker gang was born. By the time the riot was quelled, 50 Boozefighters were in jail. The story got so much attention, Hollywood made a movie about it starring Marlon Brando—*The Wild One*. The American Motorcycle Association made a statement claiming that 99 percent of bikers were law-abiding citizens. The other one percent were the outlaws, the "people your mother warned you about."

Over the next few years, biker clubs full of disillusioned WWII vets began popping up all over the country, wearing ONE-PERCENTER patches in honor of the Boozefighters. Year by year the clubs grew, drawing attention to themselves with their willingness to shatter cheekbones over a pool game.

"Slowly, it turned from a bunch of people who liked to ride motorcycles into a moneymaking enterprise involving illegal activity, such as drugs and murder," explains Patrick Schneider, an Arizona-based federal prosecutor and president of the International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators' Association. By the '60s the major clubs had marked their territory: the Outlaws in the Midwest; the Bandidos in the Southwest; the Pagans on the East Coast; the Mongols in

Southern California; and the biggest club, the Hells Angels, in the Northwest and parts of the South.

The boundaries remained well delineated. Then something happened that changed everything.

## CLASH OF THE TITANS

In the early '90s, the second biggest club, the Bandidos, started expanding. They convinced a group called the Rock Machine—a bunch of ►



Above: A drunk straddling a Harley at the Hollister biker rally in July 1947, the day the outlaw biker gang was born. Below: Marlon Brando as an outlaw in *The Wild One*, a film based on Hollister.



**They were towing an unconscious drunk in a wheelchair.**



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leather thugs in Montreal—to join their ranks. But Montreal was Hells Angels territory. Tensions started to run high.

Canada held an undeniable lure: the Angels' \$5 million-a-day cocaine operation. In the summer of '94, a guerrilla war erupted on the streets of Montreal, combat unlike anything a North American city had ever seen.

In August 1995, an 11-year-old boy named Daniel Desrochers was playing on the sidewalk. A drug dealer, Marc Dube, 26, walked up and jumped in a nearby Jeep. When Dube turned the key, a bomb ripped the car to shreds Jerusalem-style, killing him instantly. The little boy died four days later of shrapnel wounds. Dube, police learned, was a pawn between the Angels and the Bandidos.

A string of payback hits followed, a bloody chess game unfolding in the streets.

In 2000 two suspected loan sharks connected to the Angels—Robert Savard, 48, and Normand Descoteaux, 52—were eating breakfast at a joint called Eggstra when two masked men walked in and started shooting. Savard died in his seat. As diners dived for cover, the shooters pumped a bullet into Descoteaux's head and another four into a waitress.

Miraculously, both survived. But dozens of others didn't. Slowly, the death toll rose into the triple digits.

In 2001 the police mobilized Operation Springtime. Among the 100 bikers arrested, they hauled in the Hells Angels' leader, Maurice "Mom" Boucher, suspected of over a dozen killings. The kingpin was sentenced to life this past May. By that time 170 people had been murdered.

Meanwhile, violence erupted across Scandinavia, where the Angels, Bandidos, and Outlaws were opening chapters, competing for port city drug turf. The clash was brutal—bikers fighting in the streets with AK-47s. The violence drew international attention after a Bandido blew up the Angels' Copenhagen clubhouse using an antitank rocket launcher. Two men died; another 19 suffered serious injury.

"After that the world turned upside down," says federal



Police exhibit some of the 500 weapons confiscated after the riot in Long Island. Included: a loaded Uzi, shotguns, switchblades, pepper spray, and blackjacks. Inset: brass knuckles with razor edges.

prosecutor Schneider. "Expansion began among all the gangs."

With the law cracking down in Canada and Europe, the clubs set their sights on the States. They infiltrated markets, snatched up turf. Since '97 the Angels' membership has risen from 800 to 2,100 and the Bandidos from 700 to 2,000.

And they armed themselves. "They have dynamite, C4, plastic explosives, radio-detonated bombs," notes ex-FBI biker investigator McKinley, who says undercover Feds purchased these weapons from biker gangs on several occasions.

The stage was set for all-out war.

## PAGANS IN HELL

Along the bar at Diamonds pub in Lindenhurst, New York, they gathered by the dozens—barrel-chested bikers whispering furtively. They'd been filing in since 9 A.M., filling the gravel parking lot with vans and cars with license plates from as far off as New Hampshire and Ohio. They'd called ahead to reserve tables. By that afternoon, February 23, 2002, the Long Island waterfront bar was overflowing with One-percenters, over 70 guys with fiery patches on their denim vests—the colors of the Pagans.

In the middle of the bar, Dennis "Rooster" Katona held court. The 36-year-old sergeant at arms out of Pittsburgh passed around a map of a catering hall called the Vander- ▶

## ROAD KILLERS

If you see these patches on the interstate, steer clear. Very clear.



### HELLS ANGELS

**Founded:** March 1948, in San Bernardino, California. **Turf:** 200 chapters in 13 states, mainly on the West Coast and in the Northeast, plus chapters in 13 foreign countries. **Members:** 2,100



### BANDIDOS

**Founded:** In Houston, in '66, for wayward Nam vets. **Turf:** 67 chapters in 13 states, mostly in the Southwest, and in 12 foreign countries—most notably in Canada. **Members:** 2,000



### MONGOLS

**Founded:** As a Chicano prison gang in East L.A. in the early '70s. **Turf:** 17 chapters in four West Coast states, including California and Nevada, and in Tijuana, Mexico. **Members:** 200



### PAGANS

**Founded:** In 1959, in Maryland, with a lucky 13 members. **Turf:** 44 chapters in 15 states along the East Coast between New Hampshire and Florida. **Members:** 400



### OUTLAWS

**Founded:** In 1935, as the McCook Outlaws Motorcycle Club in McCook, Illinois. **Turf:** 63 chapters in 16 states (mostly in the eastern U.S.) and eight foreign countries. **Members:** 800



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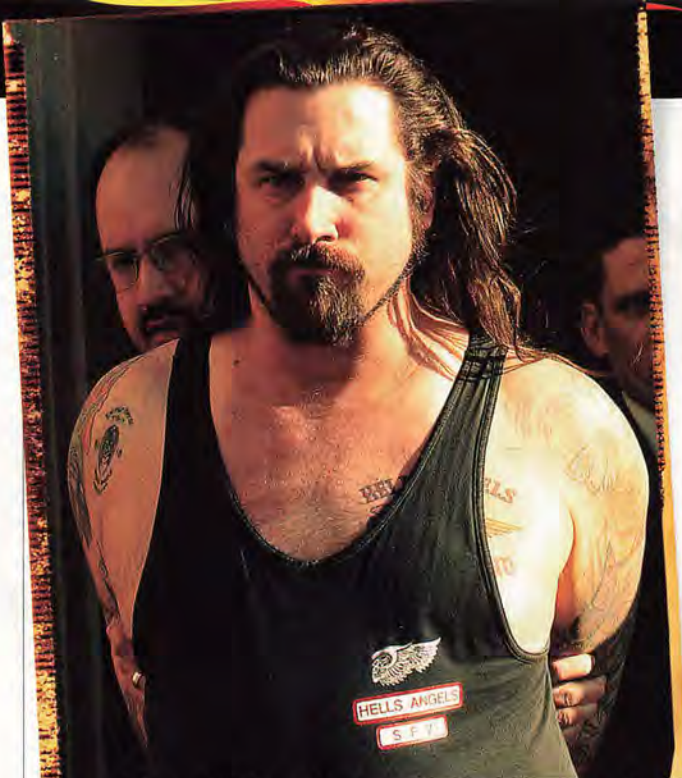
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# Newport pleasure!







**Raymond Dwyer, 38, a Long Island tattoo artist and Hells Angel, charged with the gunshot murder of Pagan Robert Rutherford after the deadly melee at the Hellraiser Ball 2002.**

bilt down the road, where the Hells Angels were holding their annual Hellraiser Ball, a two-day motorcycle-tattoo expo. The map had the Vanderbilt's exits marked on it. Two guys named Mangy and Rhino were partying there—former Pagans who'd jumped ship to the Angels without returning their colors.

"Find 'em," Katona said. "And take their jackets...by force if you have to."

The Pagans nodded and shook each other's hands. Anticipating the worst, two had recently completed their wills. Others were wearing bulletproof vests. When Katona gave the word at roughly 3 P.M., they filed out into 10 vans, armed with baseball bats, ax handles, and knives. They had a bone to pick.

Until 1999, Long Island was Pagan territory. That year the cops busted 30 of them for weapons possession and conspiracy—small-time crime that added up. ("Among other things, they were extorting \$20 per shift per stripper from topless dance clubs," says a Nassau County police official.) The arrests left a power vacuum in Long Island, and the Angels took over. More than 25 Pagans had since traded in their colors for the Angels' skull and wings. For Katona and the others, it was pure humiliation.

When the vans arrived at the Vanderbilt—a suburban, white-columned hall usually reserved for weddings and bar mitzvahs—the Hellraiser Ball was hopping. The 12,000-square-foot marble floor was packed with nearly 1,000 bikers and tattoo artists, boozing at the bar or mingling at the T-shirt booths. Upstairs the blues band Little Wolf was jamming, while celebrity Angels like Chuck Zito of Oz signed autographs. There by Zito's side, the Angels' founding member and international leader, Ralph "Sonny" Barger, was signing copies of his new book, *Ridin' High, Livin' Free*.

## 'Go! Go!' DeMatteo screamed, blood covering his hands and face.

Out front the Pagans unloaded quickly. The first group, led by Katona, charged through the white doors into the catering hall, where Angels were selling merchandise and handing out wristbands for the \$25 cover. As soon as they stepped inside, the Pagans attacked—swinging clubs at anything moving.

In a split second, the party turned into a combat zone.

Eight-foot-long exhibition tables were hurled aside. Screeching mothers tossed their kids out of harm's way. Angels sprinted for the action from all directions, armed with anything they could get their hands on. Guns. Knives. Bare fists. One Pagan landed an ax handle on the side of an Angels' face so hard it made a popping noise. The Angel staggered, blood pouring out of his eye.

In the middle of the melee, a gunman drew a pistol. He held it firmly and fired five shots directly into the crowd.

In the pandemonium, Robert Rutherford, a 52-year-old Pagan postal worker, felt a numbness enveloping his body. White dots obscured his vision. He collapsed. Fellow club members dragged him out into the parking lot. As they desperately shoved him in the back of a crowded van, bikers swarmed around, sprinting in all directions to avoid the cops.

In the van Coney Island Joe DeMatteo, a Pagan and a Nam vet with a Purple Heart, felt Rutherford's chest. There was no pulse. DeMatteo started pumping his rib cage.

"Go! Go!" he yelled, the blood covering his hands and face.

## ALL-OUT WAR

As the Pagans fled, 100 police cruisers and two helicopters swarmed the scene. When they stopped and searched all 10 vans as well as the Vanderbilt, they found nearly 500 weapons, including a loaded Uzi, handguns and knives, a lipstick container with a hidden blade, plus "a large amount of cocaine."

Eleven rioters were taken to local hospitals—five with gunshot wounds and six with stab wounds. The cops hauled in 73 Pagans for weapons charges and gang assault, plus one Hells Angel—Raymond Dwyer, the alleged gunman, a 38-year-old local tattoo artist charged with second-degree murder. Rutherford, a Pennsylvania Pagan, died from a bullet and a knife wound to the chest.

The battle for the Northeast had begun.

**Pagan gang members, moments after they raided a Hells Angels party. One Pagan was killed.**



The war immediately spread to the City of Brotherly Love—Philly, Pagan turf. At 10:30 P.M. on March 5, 2002, a car rolled up outside Coney Island Joe's Tattoo Studio. The shop belonged to DeMatteo, the Pagan who'd battled the Angels in Long Island. A man stepped out of the car and hurled two firebombs through the window. They landed in the bathroom; flames shot through the windows and licked ►



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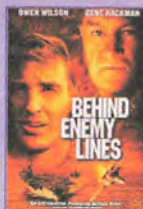
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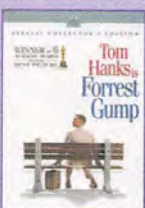
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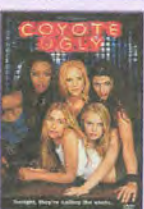
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the walls, but no one was injured. Yet.

On the night of May 5, John Giorno, a 63-year-old Pagan-turned-Hells Angel, was walking with his wife in a Philly parking lot when three burly guys jumped him. As his wife watched, they beat him with ax handles, stabbed him three times, and left him leaking like a strainer onto the pavement.

The local police did what they could. "The view in this unit is as long as the Hells Angels keep pressing forward to get a foothold in Philadelphia, we're sitting on a time bomb," said Lieutenant Tom Coccia of the city's Organized Crime Unit.

Meanwhile up north, the mercury was rising. A few days after the Long Island riot, 23 heavily armed Outlaws were busted casing the Hells Angels clubhouse in Revere, Mass.

As news of the escalating war on the East Coast spread, clubs on the West Coast started to see a weakness. Had the Angels left their flank unprotected? An old bitter rival, the Chicano-based Mongols out of East L.A., began organizing to

go on the offensive—just in time for spring, when representatives of the different outlaw clubs make their pilgrimages to the dozen international biker rallies throughout the U.S.

Barrels of booze. Thousands of bikers. Enough hatred to fill the Grand Canyon. It was a grim recipe for disaster.

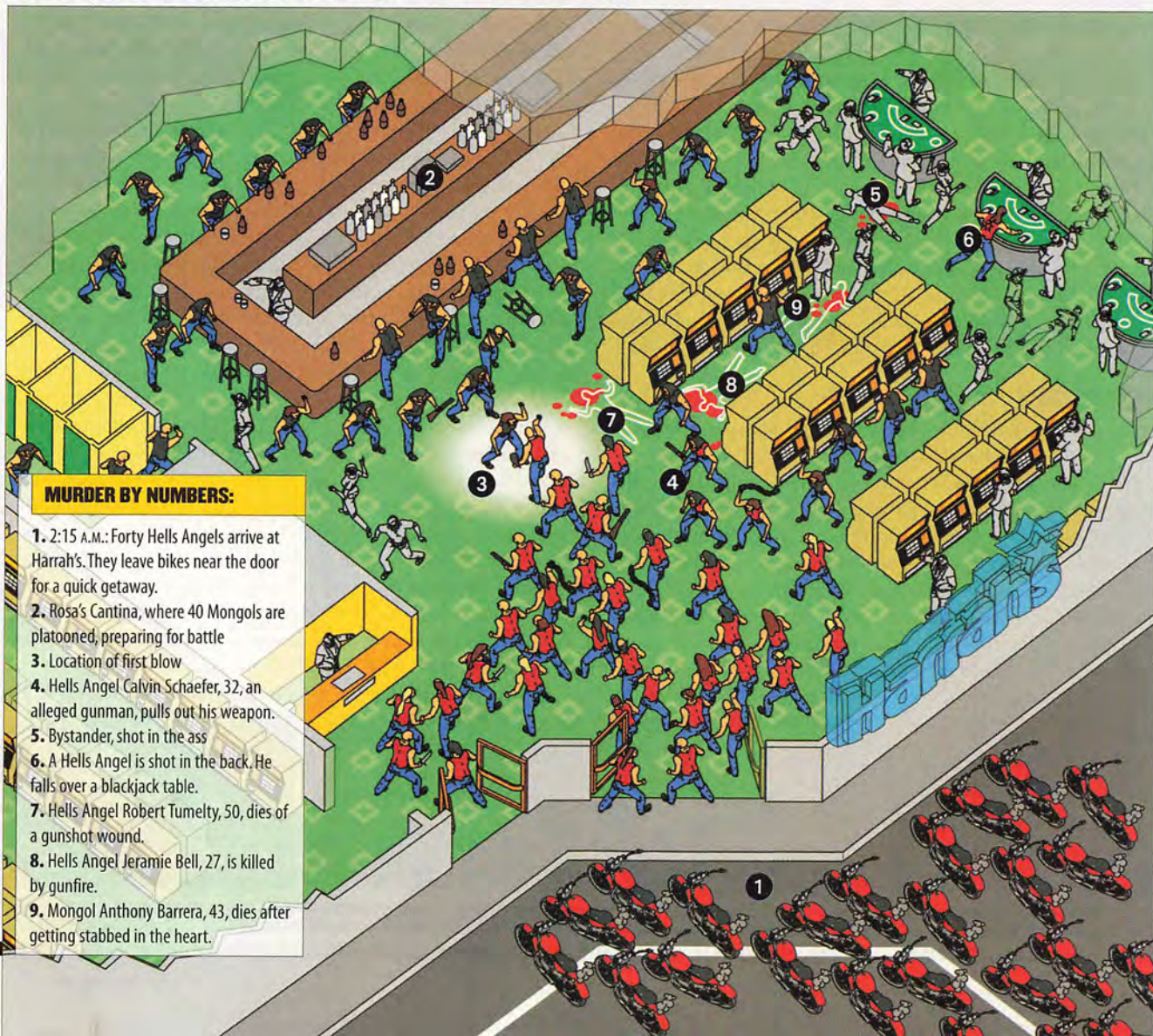
## INTO THE DESERT

Laughlin, Nevada. The evening of April 26, 2002. Some 80,000 bikers—10 times the desert town's population—had taken the place by storm. The Doobie Brothers were jamming at the Flamingo. Custom hogs screeched down Casino Drive. It was a weekend warrior's wet dream.

Before the rally started, rumors had spread about a potential clash between the Mongols and the Angels. Both clubs had their paws deep in the Southern California drug trade. But their avarice wasn't solely profit motivated. "It's about being top of the heap, king of the mountain," said Bill ▶

## THE KILLING FLOOR

*A gruesome blow-by-blow of the April 27 gunfight at Harrah's Casino in Laughlin.*

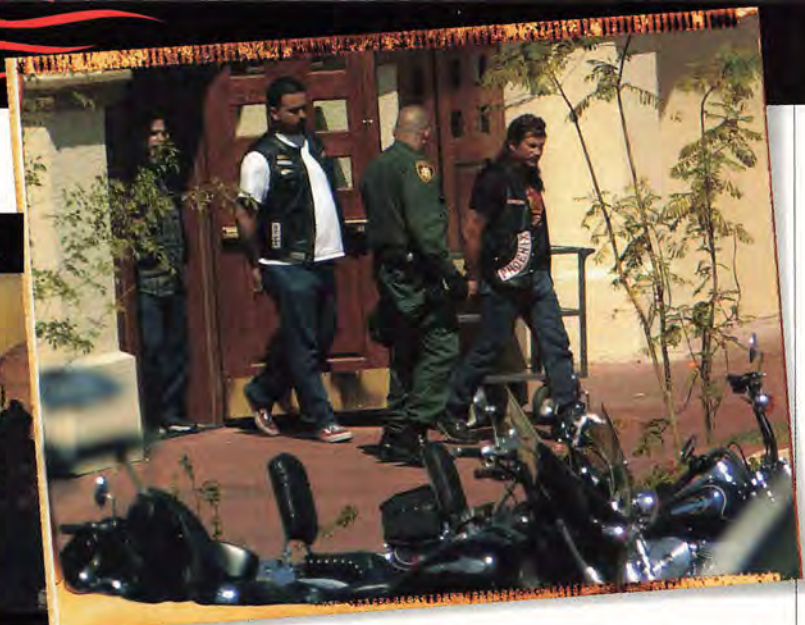


### MURDER BY NUMBERS:

1. 2:15 A.M.: Forty Hells Angels arrive at Harrah's. They leave bikes near the door for a quick getaway.
2. Rosa's Cantina, where 40 Mongols are platooned, preparing for battle
3. Location of first blow
4. Hells Angel Calvin Schaefer, 32, an alleged gunman, pulls out his weapon.
5. Bystander, shot in the ass
6. A Hells Angel is shot in the back. He falls over a blackjack table.
7. Hells Angel Robert Tumelty, 50, dies of a gunshot wound.
8. Hells Angel Jeramie Bell, 27, is killed by gunfire.
9. Mongol Anthony Barrera, 43, dies after getting stabbed in the heart.



**Below: a Hells Angel held at gunpoint just minutes after the murders in Nevada. Right: Angels heading downtown.**



Queen, an undercover ATF agent, after he set up a sting that snagged 29 Mongols in 2000 for drug dealing and murder.

By the first night of the River Run, both clubs had arrived in force, each claiming its turf—the Mongols at Harrah's on the strip and the Angels at Gretchen's Inn. Scores of tattooed outlaws were everywhere, as were the cops and ATF agents, slapped with the task of keeping the peace.

Round one: According to one report, a group of Mongols surrounded a Hells Angels T-shirt booth at some point. They ordered an Angel to remove his patch—fightin' words.

Round two: At sunset a group of Angels exiting the Golden Nugget on the strip bumped into some Mongols. A scuffle broke out. According to a hotel security official, "someone got popped in the head with a flashlight" before it was broken up.

Round three: Later in the night, a bunch of Mongols allegedly surrounded a small group of Hells Angels who were gambling at Harrah's and ordered them to leave—more fightin' words. The Angels called for backup. Within minutes biker thugs all over town were gathering. Armed with bats, knives, wrenches, and guns, they mounted their steel horses and cruised down Casino Drive, heading straight for Harrah's.

## KILLING TIME

At Rosa's Cantina, the Mongols huddled and made a battle plan. They knew what was coming.

According to interviews with bystanders in the casino that night, the Mongols began patrolling the floor. They stationed themselves by entrances and at different intervals throughout the casino. Waiting on line at the cashier's window with a bucket of nickels, David Jackson, a partyer from Vegas in for the rally, nudged his girlfriend, Denise Massey. "That's scary," he said, nodding toward a biker carrying a three-foot metal flashlight. "That could be used as a weapon."

Another gambler from Reno, Nick Ramsey\*, hit the bath-

room just before 2 A.M. Two thugs were standing outside the door, looking nervous and hostile. "Inside, the room was packed with Mongols," Ramsey says. "For every patch holder at the urinals or in the stalls, there was another with his back to the guy and his arms folded, watching the door. I knew something was about to go down."

Meanwhile undercover cops cased the casino. There was enough paranoia in the joint to overflow a psycho ward.

At 2:15 A.M., the roar of engines out front signaled the arrival of Angels. They entered the casino, made straight for Rosa's. One Mongol stepped forward to meet them.

"Who's in charge here?" he asked.

A precarious moment passed. Then a Hells Angel delivered the first blow—a kick to the chest. In the pit adrenaline-pumped bikers on each side attacked the enemy closest to them in a frenzy. "All of the sudden there were bikers everywhere, coming out of the woodwork swinging," one bystander remembers. The epicenter of the rumble—70 men strong—grew exponentially as the primal fight-or-flight instinct drew more men into the battle. One Hells Angel grabbed an older member, shoved him behind a slot machine, and stuck a chair in front to protect him. Then he jumped in. Another Angel hid behind a slot machine. A Mongol ran up, hunting desperately for someone to hit or a quick exit. The Angel jumped out and bludgeoned the Mongol with a wrench.

In the middle of the melee, one dark-haired biker was slammed against a wall. As he came up, he pulled out a semi-automatic, took aim, and fired point blank into the other biker's belly. The big man doubled over and staggered away.

More gunshots followed as hundreds of patrons dived for cover, screaming. One Angel took a bullet in his back and fell over a blackjack table, which came crashing to the floor Hollywood-style. Another bullet pierced a bystander's ass.

Ramsey was taking cover behind a pillar when he saw ▶



**Caught on a bystander's camcorder: cops corralling outlaw bikers after the Laughlin riot. The officer's gun went off accidentally at frame three.**



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a beefy Angel, stripped from the waist up, lying on his back. Blood was spilling from a gunshot wound in his skull. Another Angel with a bloody face was pumping the fallen man's chest, giving him mouth-to-mouth.

Then, 10 feet away, Ramsey saw the shooter. "He was reloading his gun. He didn't have any colors; he had on black leather. His head was on a swivel, looking to see if anyone was watching him as he loaded as fast as he could."

With guns drawn, dozens of lawmen raided the casino, squirting pepper spray. A stampede for the doors followed. One Vegas cop, Sergeant Gary Hood, 54, found himself in between three bikers and a door. Hood tried to stop them as they fled. One of them—a Hells Angel—lifted a handgun in Hood's direction, and the cop fired a .45 round. He missed. When the smoke cleared, the hallway was empty.

## TOTAL LOCKDOWN

Ninety seconds after the first blow, the riot was over. Security locked down the elevators and doors. Bullet shells and cards littered the floor. Victims lay everywhere, some groaning in pain, others perfectly still. Panicked police were pinning cuffed outlaws to the ground.

As crowds gathered outside, EMTs carted the bodies into ambulances parked out front. They found three dead bikers, their blood staining the casino floor: Angels Robert Tumelty, 50, and Jeramie Bell, 27, of gunshot wounds; and Mongol Anthony Barrera, 43, of a knife wound to the heart. Paramedics carried 16 others off on gurneys—nine with stab or gunshot wounds and one with a fractured skull.

The police detained over 100 bikers. They charged just one with murder—Calvin Schaefer, 32, an Angel from Chandler, Arizona, who police say was captured on surveillance video shooting bikers. "It was legitimate self-defense," says his Vegas-based lawyer David Chesnoff. "Just because you're a Hells Angel doesn't mean you can't defend yourself."

Meanwhile, California Highway Patrol discovered another Hells Angel fatality. Christian Tate, 28, had left Laughlin three hours earlier, headed home alone on Highway 40 to see his family in San Diego. Cops found him lying in a ditch on the side of the road, shot in the back at point-blank range. His license was lying on the seat of his Harley. The killer has yet to be found.

## THE CHIEF

It's a broiling Saturday in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and 200,000 bikers have swamped this coast town for the Myrtle Beach Bike Week. A month has passed since Laughlin, and the Hells Angels have taken over the Holiday Inn on the beach. The



Hells Angels at the funeral of member Christian Tate, 28, shot dead on Interstate 40.

streets are crawling with outlaws—and enough undercover heat to burn 'em all should hell break lose.

At a Qwik Mart down the road, 63-year-old Ralph "Sonny" Barger—the international leader of the Hells Angels—is sitting behind a table signing copies of his new book. It's whispered that Barger is marked for assassination. His presence is a taunt to his enemies: *Here I am, you pussies. Take your best shot.* Then again, Angels are surrounding him, wearing their game faces. One is wearing a FILTHY666FEW patch, meaning he's killed for the club. If anyone so much as farts in Sonny's direction, he'll be cut down.

"We started out in the '50s having fun, riding motorcycles," Barger says. "In the '60s we were beating people up and taking drugs. And in the '70s and '80s we got into crime and going to prison." He has a quarter-size hole in his throat covered with a white patch that he breathes through, the result of a long cigarette habit. When he speaks, he puts his thumb over the patch to direct air to his mouth. "The '90s came, and we straightened up our lives. Now it's about riding motorcycles and having fun again. It bothers some of the other clubs." He pauses. "You see what they're trying to do to us."

When asked about the biker wars, Barger answers calmly.

"There are certain things we're not going to talk about."

And that's it. But outside in the parking lot, one younger, dark-haired Angel has this to say about Laughlin: "We don't look for trouble, but we don't duck it." He spits on the pavement. "There are some things worth fighting for."

Like revenge for the murder of Tate, the Angel found dead on Highway 40 outside of Laughlin?

"We didn't hear about that until the morning after the riot. The Mongols were looking for trouble at Laughlin. But that guy on the highway was different. Most are saying it was a Pagan hit, revenge for the Pagan killed in Long Island. That's their style, the fucking cowards."

Just then, three other Angels approach, eyeing the younger one with a gaze that could cut glass.

"Go stand over there," one says, pointing to the other end of the parking lot. The point is clear. In a deadly guerrilla war that's being fought right under the hairy nose of the American justice system, anything you say can be used against you. By *anyone*. Knowing he's probably just earned a beating for talking to a reporter, the younger Angel shuffles away. **M**



Sonny Barger, the Hells Angels leader, today and (below) in 1969.





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# OPERATION: PINK THUNDER

**THE OBJECTIVE:** Defoliate the short-and-curly camouflage on her naughty bits (i.e., get the girl a bikini wax).

## SELL THE CAMPAIGN

Advance propaganda promoting the notion that proper depilation will allow friendly forces to engage target more effectively and efficiently. Try:

- (1) "It will make you so much more sensitive down there."
- (2) "I think you'll look incredibly hot." But not: "You'll fulfill my schoolgirl fantasy!"

## SEND IN REINFORCEMENTS

Provide backup for your initial public relations campaign by planting units in strategic locations to encourage capitulation. For example, a bribed, similarly depilated friend's girlfriend can provide reassurance about her lack of battle scars. "It's kind of crazy the first time, but once you see his reaction, it'll be totally worth it" is a direct hit.

## SHELL SHOCK

Reports from different units vary, but post-operation stress is common, so refrain from slipping missile in silo

## TALE FROM THE FRONT

"My reaction when my man told me he liked his birdies bare? A flat no. 'I would never!' I yelled. Then we went away for the weekend, and he asked if he could just shave the front of it off, and I was, like, 'Oh, for God's sake, all right.' The fact that he wanted it so badly was a turn-on. I let him do it, and although it was strange at first, once I saw how much he enjoyed it, I went for the wax. It was traumatic at first; now I feel gross if there's a single hair down there. I leave just a landing strip."—Ondine, 28

for at least 24 hours after the first wax. Most targets report they're temporarily traumatized the next day.

Intelligence Report #6969, from one Joseph Marangelo, a.k.a. "Just Joey," a Los Angeles- and New York-based waxer: "When I can get ahold of the men in my ladies' lives, I tell them, 'Look, I just ripped hair out of your girlfriend's hoo-hoo. It's sensitive. The only thing that's going to make it

feel better is oral sex.' Other than that he should just admire how pretty it looks. He'll score sensitive-guy points to boot."

Encourage trim maintenance by displaying extreme enthusiasm in your wet work. Your mission, captain, is complete: Enjoy the spoils of war.

## RULE OF CONDUCT #205

No operative may cajole, beg, or pay a one-night stand to sign an affidavit that he boinked her. Show some pride in your unit.



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## OPERATION: HALFTIME HOOVER

**THE OBJECTIVE:** Enliven the halftime show by arranging some oral submarine action for your li'l soldier.

### FIRST STRIKE

Lull your target into a false security with rations. Fire a volley of alcoholic shots to weaken her. Barrage her with Baked Lay's (i.e., you care but don't think she's a tank).

### SOFTEN HER DEFENSES

Halftime provides a limited

window to complete your mission, so plan your strikes accordingly. Begin preliminary maneuvers at the beginning of the second quarter: caressing her hair, stroking her shoulders, even using your hand for gentle tactical strikes around her soft spots when in range. By the two-minute warning,

### TALE FROM THE FRONT

"I hate it when my boyfriend only comes on to me during commercials. One time we were watching the game, and it became part of the fun. He promised that if I sat with him for the afternoon, he'd make it worth my while, and he teased me all through the first half. By halftime I was willing to empty his jockstrap."—Leah, 26

you should be lying on your side with her spooned in front of you. Remember, these maneuvers should not take so much time as to interfere with the primary objective—watching the football game.

### ENGAGE YOUR WEAPON

At this point target should be amenable to further action, and soldier should make appropriately grateful gestures, actions, and utterances, ultimately sliding target into position gently, so as not to disturb the natural flow of events. At no time should soldier speak of "scoring." Proactively hitting the mute is great for convincing her you're 100 percent there, while letting you surreptitiously watch halftime highlights. A promise of a returned favor during *Sex and the City* may secure the piece—uh, peace.

### AFTERMATH

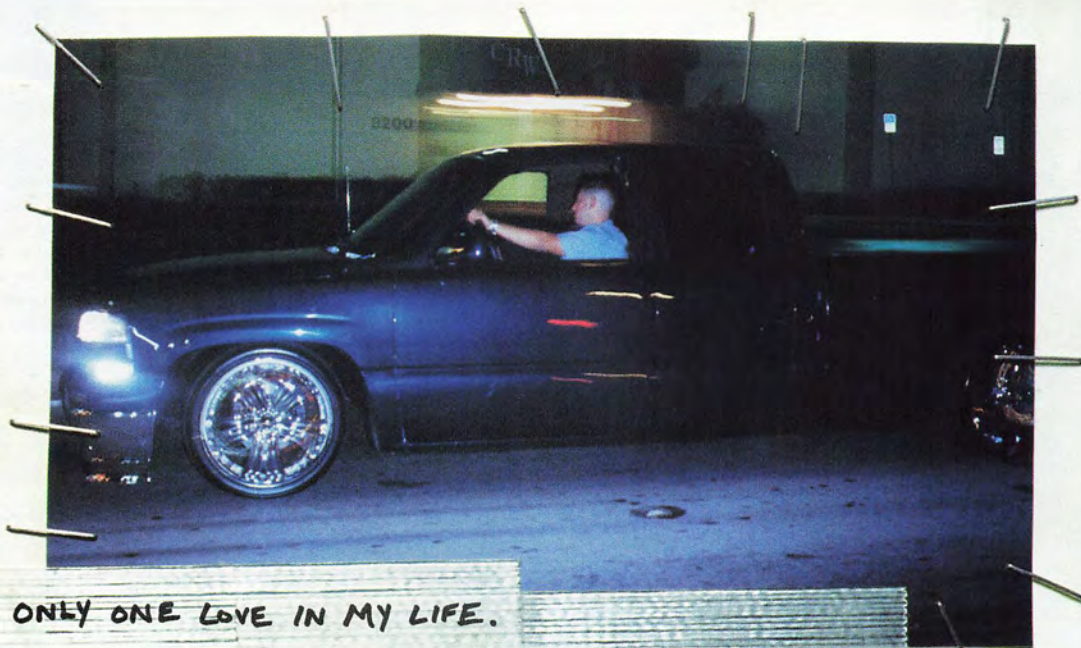
Proper respect and goodwill should be showered on the target at the conclusion of the operation. If she has been sprayed with friendly fire, a good soldier should contain the collateral damage with tender application of a moist towelette. Renewed diplomatic relations should lead to a return engagement—after the game.

### RULE OF CONDUCT #15

Under no circumstances may any operative spank a female's mud flaps in public and growl, "Oh, yeah...Daddy like."



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## OPERATION: FAST AND FORWARD

**THE OBJECTIVE:** Lure your girlfriend into monitoring advanced genital docking videos (a.k.a. watching porn) with you for the creative relief of combat fatigue.

### WEAPONRY

Stocking your film arsenal should be handled with extreme caution. Only the most basic field maneuvers should be performed in said video. More advanced exercises—those involving backdoor entry, latex battle gear, German people, etc.—should be saved for more

advanced trainees. Although this may not provide the commanding officer with his desired level of stimulation, he must remember: This is about training her, and in the long run restraint will serve the greater good.

Friendly-target training aids include: Adam & Eve Video on

### TALE FROM THE FRONT

"One night my guy popped in a tape. I was expecting *Gone in 60 Seconds*, but what I saw was two gorgeous French girls making out. Now, I have to admit, he was smart about his choices: He picked 'artsy' porn that showed a lot of sex but not a lot of closeups. I thought it was silly, but as we made out I caught myself glancing at it more and more."—Corinne, 30

Demand, particularly those works by Candida Royalle ([adamevevod.com](http://adamevevod.com)) or Vivid Video's fine film collection ([adultdvdempire.com](http://adultdvdempire.com)).

### YOUR ORDERS

The video training manual should be introduced as an aid designed simply to improve the unit's performance on a tactical battleground. Sample dialogue: "Baby, you know I think we have an amazing sex life. I think I know something that'll take it up another notch for both of us." This kind of talk builds the camaraderie you'll need on all those cold nights in a foxhole.

### KNOW YOUR SOLDIER

Before introducing the video, first brief your target girl and assure her that she's far superior to any of the hostile forces (e.g., Jenna Jameson) that may appear on the radar. Any comparisons should be nothing but favorable. It may prove useful for the commanding officer to inquire as to which activities provide the most stimulation to the trainee, so as to tailor future selections and perhaps improve commanding officer's field performance.

### RULE OF CONDUCT #42

Pursuant to the Heidi Goldblatt Treaty, ratified at Zeta Alpha Tau house, operatives may not answer the phone while in the act with a girl and say, "...Oh, nothing."





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# OPERATION: CENTERFOLD

**THE OBJECTIVE:** To deploy photographic equipment for the purpose of recording and immortalizing your girlfriend, but not her uniform, in a seductive environment.

## REQUISITE GEAR

Combat preparedness calls for the use of nonthreatening equipment that avoids the embarrassment of a trip to the local Fotomat. Requisition a Polaroid or a digital camera.

## PROCEED WITH CAUTION

Begin your offensive with limited incursions around the periphery of your target's zone of control. Confuse the target with code: "You have the most perfect lower back. The curve is like a violin!" Or, "Look at them tiny feet!" Intimate that each of these body parts is so perfect that you must capture it on film.

Employ the full measure of your psyops (psychological operations) to advance your objective by gently reminding the target of her innate and pulchritudinous desirability. As for any diplomat, bullshit will be your best friend. Dazzle her with an ample barrage of blarney: "It's just your butt—you can't see your face in the picture!" Or, "Oh, my Lord! The world has never seen a more spectacular set of breasts!" Or, "Holy God, you are just a china doll!"

## READY! AIM!...

Once the target has been convinced of your good intentions, you may fire at will. Deliver a constant patter of compliments to maintain the desired heightened level of interest in the photographic

## RULE OF CONDUCT #180

It is never acceptable to unleash gas warfare in a woman's presence. Saying "pull my finger" does not constitute fair warning.



mission. "That's great!" or "Absolutely sexy!" can enhance credibility.

## STAY ON HIGH ALERT

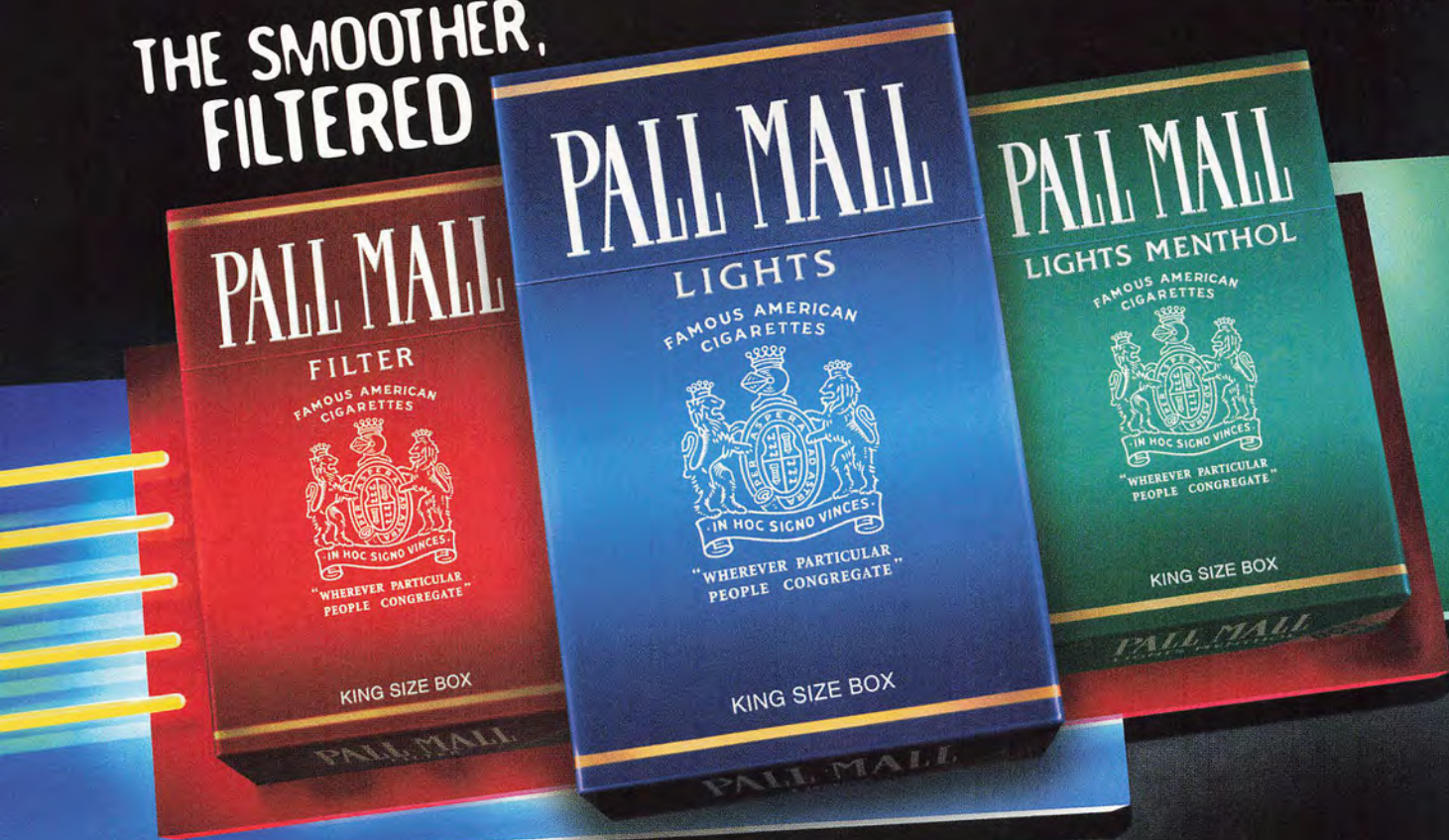
When mission is completed, there remains the question of how to safely store materials. To enhance comfort level, target may request to hold them. Avoid this at all costs. Repeat: Under no circumstances let these materials be captured.

## TALE FROM THE FRONT

"You know, even though I work out regularly and am pretty proud of my body—except for my thighs—I was nervous about posing for dirty pictures. My boyfriend convinced me by flattering all my sexy parts, and that got me into it. The shoot was so hot! Every click of his camera was like foreplay."—April, 22

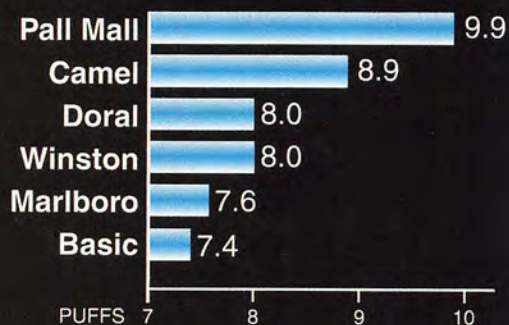


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**TALE FROM THE FRONT**

"We were in this restaurant with long tablecloths. My guy touched me throughout the meal, stroking my hips and kissing me (he made sure we were at a corner banquette—the sly dog). He did this one thing that drives me wild, caressing me right at the top of my butt crack, where the thong enters the nonsunshiny area. I was already turned on when he leaned in close and asked me to slip off the thong and hand it to him! I giggled and said no, but he had me so hot I finally relented. I spent the rest of the night in a giggly 'ohmigod' state."—Alexa, 25

## OPERATION: GOING COMMANDO

**THE OBJECTIVE:** Persuade the target to leave camp without protecting her interior perimeter. Only you and she will know her BVDs are MIA.

**PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE**

This is not, in fact, a purely military exercise; rather, it is a sensitive undercover operation that requires more guile than force. Your course of action requires delicate diplomatic persuasion to the benefits of a clandestine open-door policy. Your talking points: (1) "It'll give you all the thrill of being

a bad girl, with none of the public judgment." (2) "It's a secret that only you and I know about." (3) "It's like full-time foreplay."

**PANTYLESS RAID**

Supply a lot of under-the-table caressing, stroking, and even gentle pinching over the course of the evening to reinforce

the stimulation/enhancement process. Crotchless panties (flirtylingerie.com) may help train reluctant recruits. Finally, back in your quarters, an inspired, lusty performance by you will reinforce what a good idea this was after all.

**RULE OF CONDUCT #107**

No operative shall engage an ex's hot roommate in sexual congress until a minimum of three months after relationship termination.

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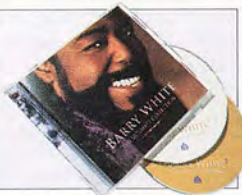
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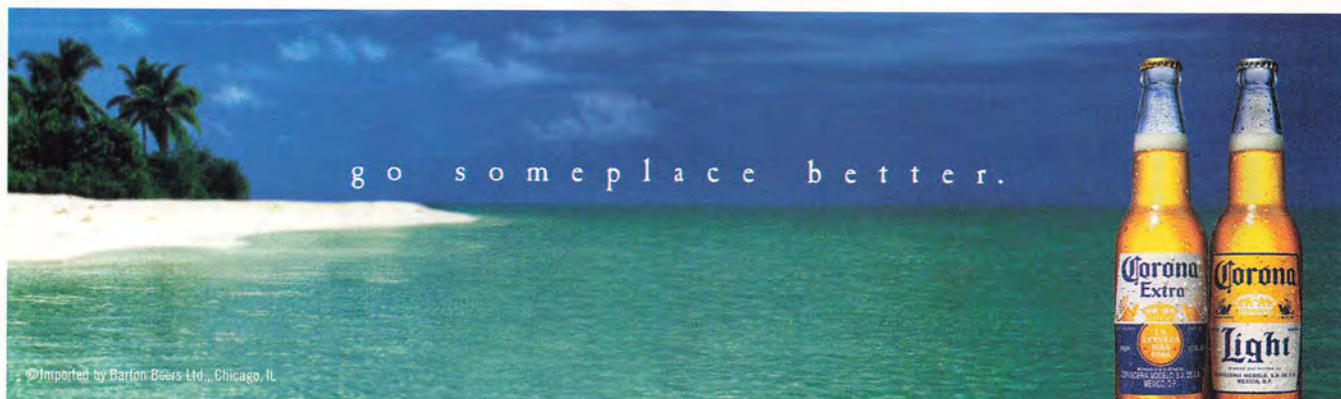
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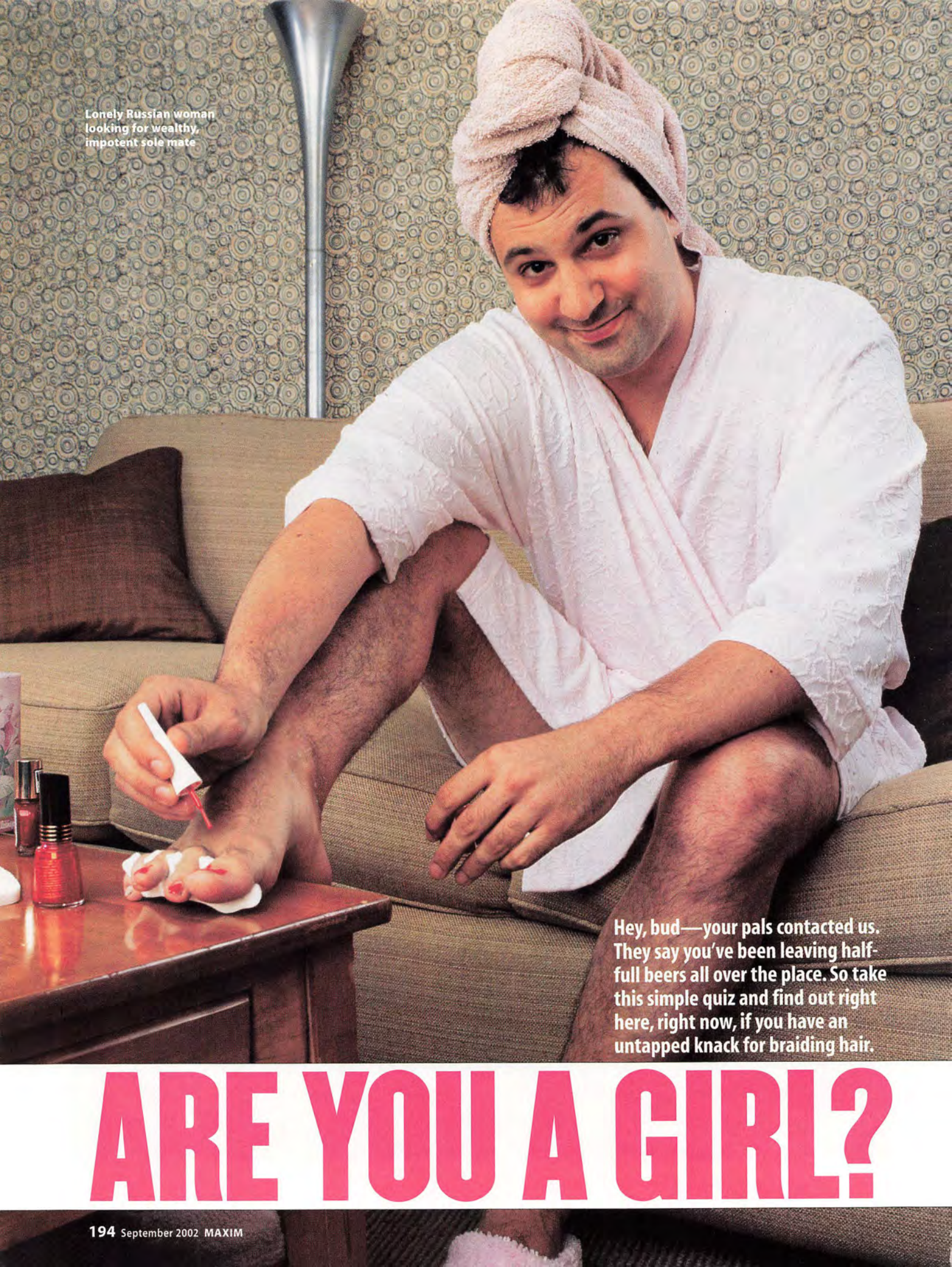
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**1. You just blurted to all your poker buddies during a hand, "It's so great to have such wonderful friends in my life." Why?**

- a. I was hammered and need to borrow some cash.
- b. I just wanted them to know.

**2. Picture your closest female friend. Now...did you picture her naked?**

- a. Couldn't tell—all I could see was the top of her head bobbing up and down.
- b. No way—wouldn't want to ruin our great friendship.

**3. What do J.Lo, Mariah Carey, and Britney Spears all have in common?**

- a. Gimme some! Gimme, gimme!
- b. They're great role models with life-affirming, positive lyrics.

**4. Can you believe Bonds stripped McGwire of his title after just three years?**

- a. Anything's possible these days, with steroids, juiced balls, shrinking fields, and crummy pitching.
- b. Uh...boxing isn't really my thing.

**5. Why don't you remember learning how to fish?**

- a. Because I was still in diapers.
- b. Because it looks awfully muddy and buggy and bo-o-o-ring.

**6. Would you like to try some Fromunda cheese?**

- a. Know that one.
- b. Why, yes!

**7. What's your handicap?**

- a. Five. Seven if we're playing for cash.
- b. Ben & Jerry's Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough ice cream.

**8. Your best friend confesses that he slept with your girl last week. What do you do?**

- a. Ask him, "Face or gut?"
- b. Give him a hug for being honest.

**9. Who said, "Say hello to my little friend?"**

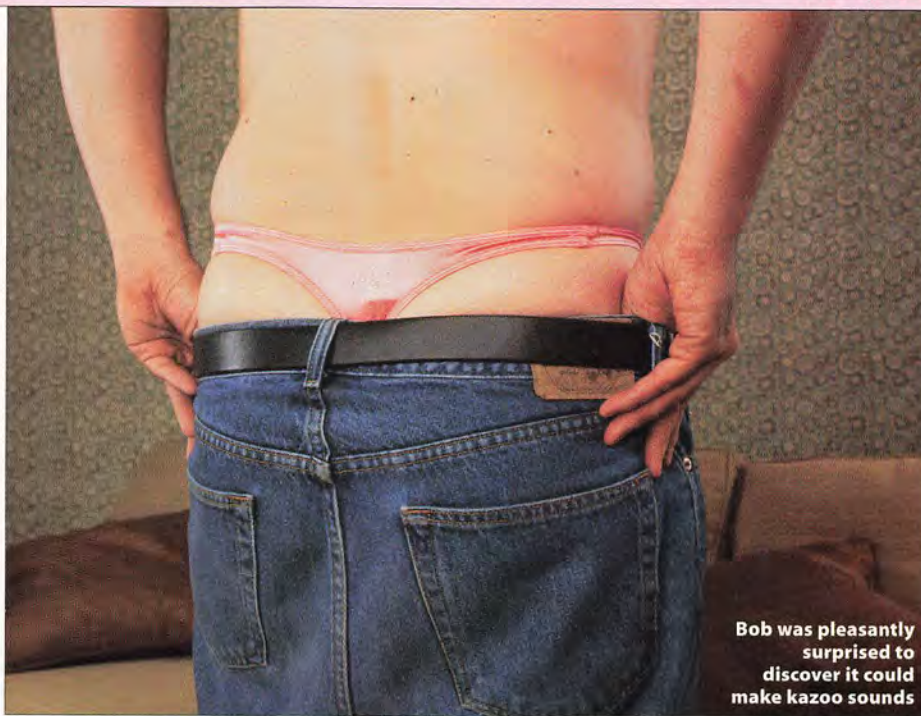
- a. Al Pacino in *Scarface*.
- b. My Uncle Chester taught me that game years ago.

**10. An attractive woman is singing to herself in the car beside you at a red light. What's the first question you ask yourself?**

- a. Would I do her from behind?
- b. Who's she listening to?

**11. What's your fashion style?**

- a. Whatever's clean.
- b. Frosted hair and spectacles.



Bob was pleasantly surprised to discover it could make kazoo sounds

**12. Your pulse is racing, you break into a sweat, and you're panting uncontrollably. What's the trouble?**

- a. Two naked coeds are putting you in a dog collar.
- b. They canceled *Just Shoot Me*.

**13. You know you're never going to run a marathon. Why?**

- a. You're too fuckin' lazy.
- b. You don't want people behind you judging your ass.

**14. Admit it: Women's figure skating is pretty addictive, ain't it?**

- a. Sure, I can appreciate a perky young set of Russian gams for a minute on my way 'round the horn.
- b. Phew, I'm not the only one!

**15. When did you last cry?**

- a. When I was unable to save that dog during the great flood of '89.
- b. When Liza Minnelli got married.

**16. When *Gladiator* won an Oscar for best picture, you:**

- a. Celebrated by cheering and throwing something through a window.
- b. Rewatched *Hope Floats*.

**17. Have you ever dissed a buddy to keep your woman happy?**

- a. Only on my wedding day.
- b. I only call my mom in the afternoon, so...no.

**18. You're sick of talking about college basketball with the same group of guys all the time. Why?**

- a. None of them really know what they're talking about.
- b. They never share how it's affecting them on the inside.

**19. What the hell you doing taking so long in the bathroom?**

- a. Sorry, man. Chimichangas.
- b. Shut up!

## SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS

# JUDGMENT DAY

Score one point for each B answer, zero for each A answer. If the tally is zero, a man you are, yes.

### 14 POINTS OR MORE

So you were breast-fed for 10 years and now own every ABBA CD? We don't think it's strange if you don't. And what does it mean to be a "man," anyway? All that beer drinking, girl chasing, and bar fighting is way too much stress. (Tip: Don't make a fist around your thumb.) You've got frank and beans, and that's really the only thing that matters. Now, about all those cute girls you hang out with...

### 7 TO 13 POINTS

Liberal rabble rousers were right after all: Standardized testing is flawed! What else could explain your lame score on this stupid quiz? You're as much a man as anybody: You love eating meat, sculpting your abs, and slurping cocktails at biker bars. And at least your favorite song isn't "Dancing Queen" like those eunuchs who scored a pathetic 14 points. So don't worry about it—you're a super guy.

### 0 TO 6 POINTS

Whoa, you're no girly man—you understand, at a deep level, that blowing a paycheck in a strip club, taking a misguided road trip, mooning an authority figure, and mastering the art of drunk barbecuing are some of life's greatest treasures. Huh? You've also done a stretch in the joint and like to mainline Jack Daniel's? What's that? No, we don't have any money, mister... Hey! Ow! Uncle! Uncle!





BY BOB IVRY

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# Rubio

## The Right Way

Paulina Rubio,  
Latin music's  
latest crossover  
knockout, is  
headed for the  
border.





**Latin singing sensation** Paulina Rubio's quest to become a household name in the United States has gone something like this: (1) Join a preteen singing group called Timbiriche in your native Mexico; crank out 15 albums in 10 years; tour the globe with Menudo. (2) At age 16 borrow 200 grand from your mom, sultry Mexican movie star Susana Dosamantes, to make your first solo album, *La Chica Dorada* [*The Golden Girl*]; watch it go platinum. (3) Give eye-popping live shows all over the planet; sell 850,000 albums to rabid Spanish-speaking fans. (4) Release *Border Girl*,

your first album in English; sit back and enjoy as new U.S. worshipers learn the meaning of the word *caliente*.

**Paulina on her live performances:**

"They're like making love. I feel like I'm loving someone who's loving me back. It's beautiful. I'm not thinking about what's happening. The band and I are in one voice, and we're together with the audience. I want to give a sound-and-light moment to everyone. Emotions, love, harmonies, ideas, feelings—that's what I think I'm on Earth for."

**Paulina on her nickname:** "My fans gave me the name Pau Pau. It's the sound of a gun that fires love. The sound of a drum. In Catalan, *pau* means peace. Everybody calls me Pau Pau."

**Paulina on her most infamous catfight:** "I was in Timbiriche with Thalia

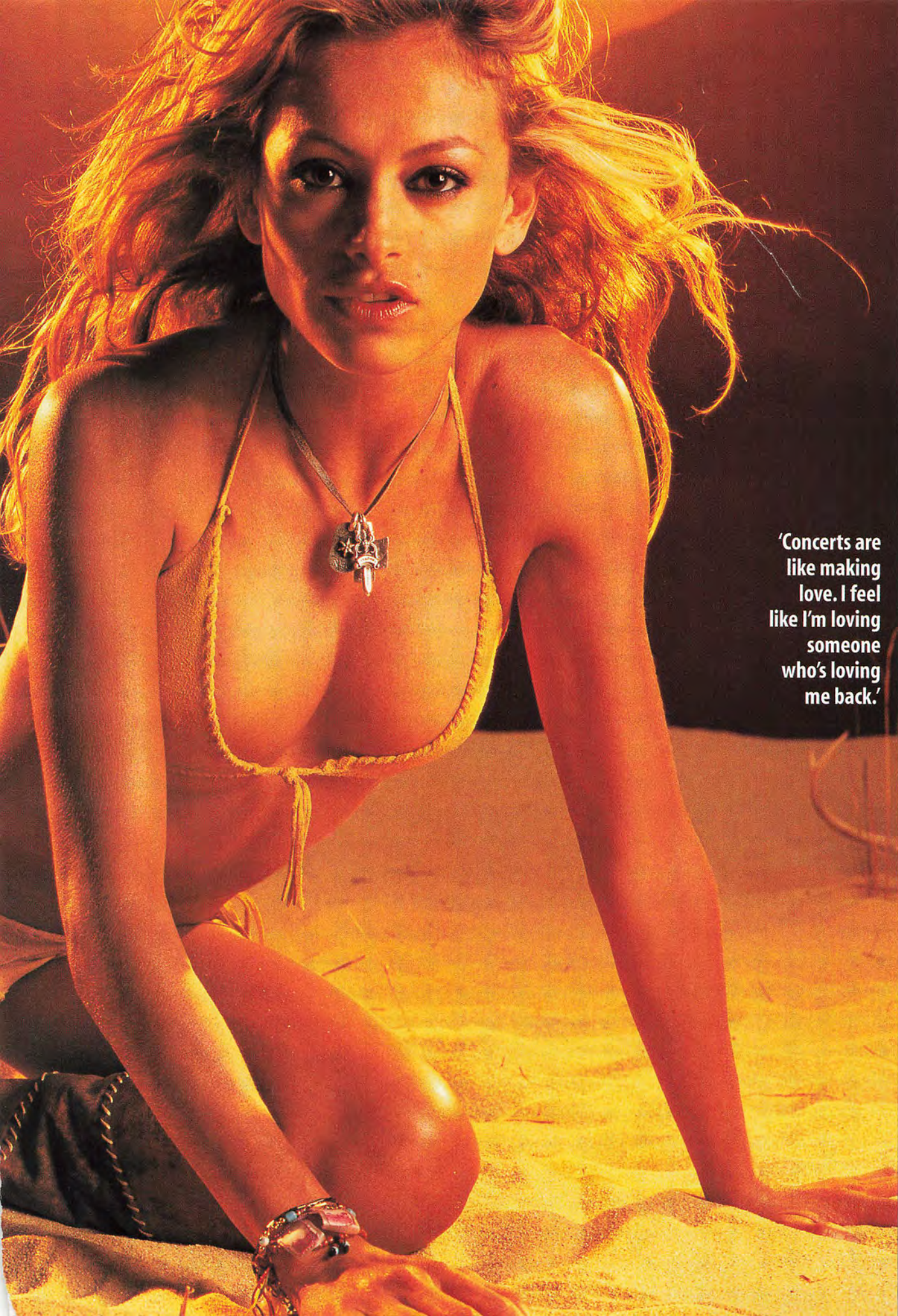
Sodi, who's a huge Latin star now, and we were onstage. She was 13; I was 12. I was trying to get the microphone, and she didn't want to let me have it, so we started fighting. We were rolling all around on the floor. The audience didn't know it was a real fight, but it was. I was little, but I was fast, and I won. I really wanted that microphone."

**Paulina on her acting pit stop:** "I was on three different Mexican *novelas*, or soap operas. I played two bad girls and one stupid good girl. I did it well, and it came naturally, but I didn't really love it. Acting for me was more of a hobby. I'd rather be myself and not have to say dialogue as a character. I prefer to express myself with my band, and I prefer the energy of music and my fans."

**Paulina on her new album:** "My goal is to connect with the whole planet, to ▶







'Concerts are  
like making  
love. I feel  
like I'm loving  
someone  
who's loving  
me back.'





express my fantasies in my music. I believe in a world without any borders—borders exist only in our minds. That's why I named my album *Border Girl*. In making music you can go wherever you want to go. I use techno, acoustic, ranchero, flamenco—I don't care. I love to mix different rhythms, take beats from Los Angeles, Mexico, Spain. We all have different ways of seeing life, but my music is really so simple, talking about love and life, playing with words and being humorous."

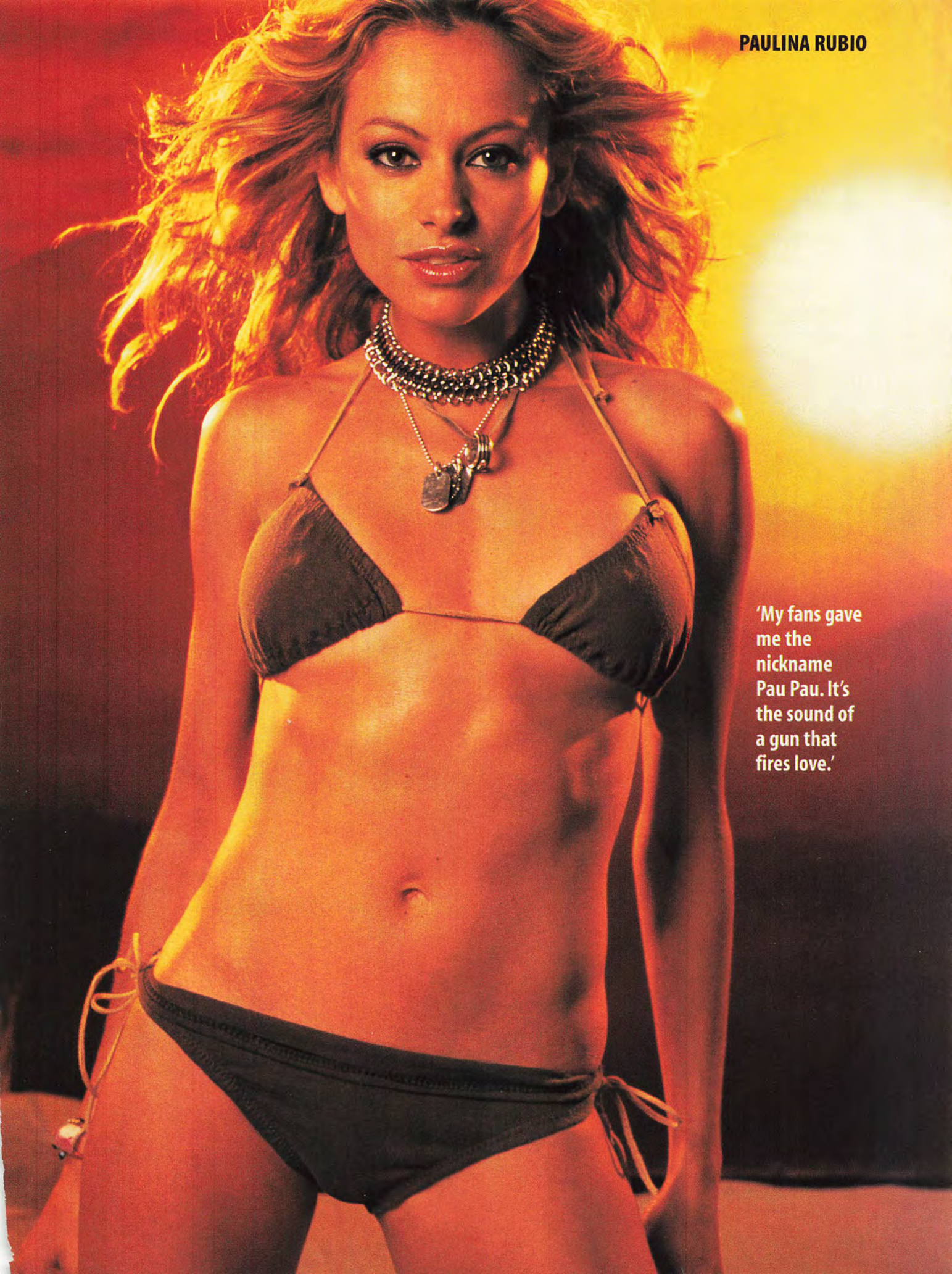
**Paulina on negativity:** "I divide people into two groups: those who criticize me and those who love me. I don't live for other people. My mom showed me that it's better to live in your projects and not listen to other people."

**Paulina on proper nutrition:** "I love to eat—sweet, salty, everything. I eat at least every two hours. My favorite meal is *taquitos* with chicken and a green sweet-and-sour sauce made from tomatillos. I don't have to feel guilty, because I am still skinny."

**Paulina on men:** "I'm afraid that all men are the same. Once they know you're an individual who loves what you do, they feel insecure for some reason. I'm sorry they feel that way."

**Paulina on role models:** "Wonder Woman was my favorite hero. I loved everything about her. My fantasy is that I possess special powers and use them to win men, but I still stay sweet, intelligent, and polite." 



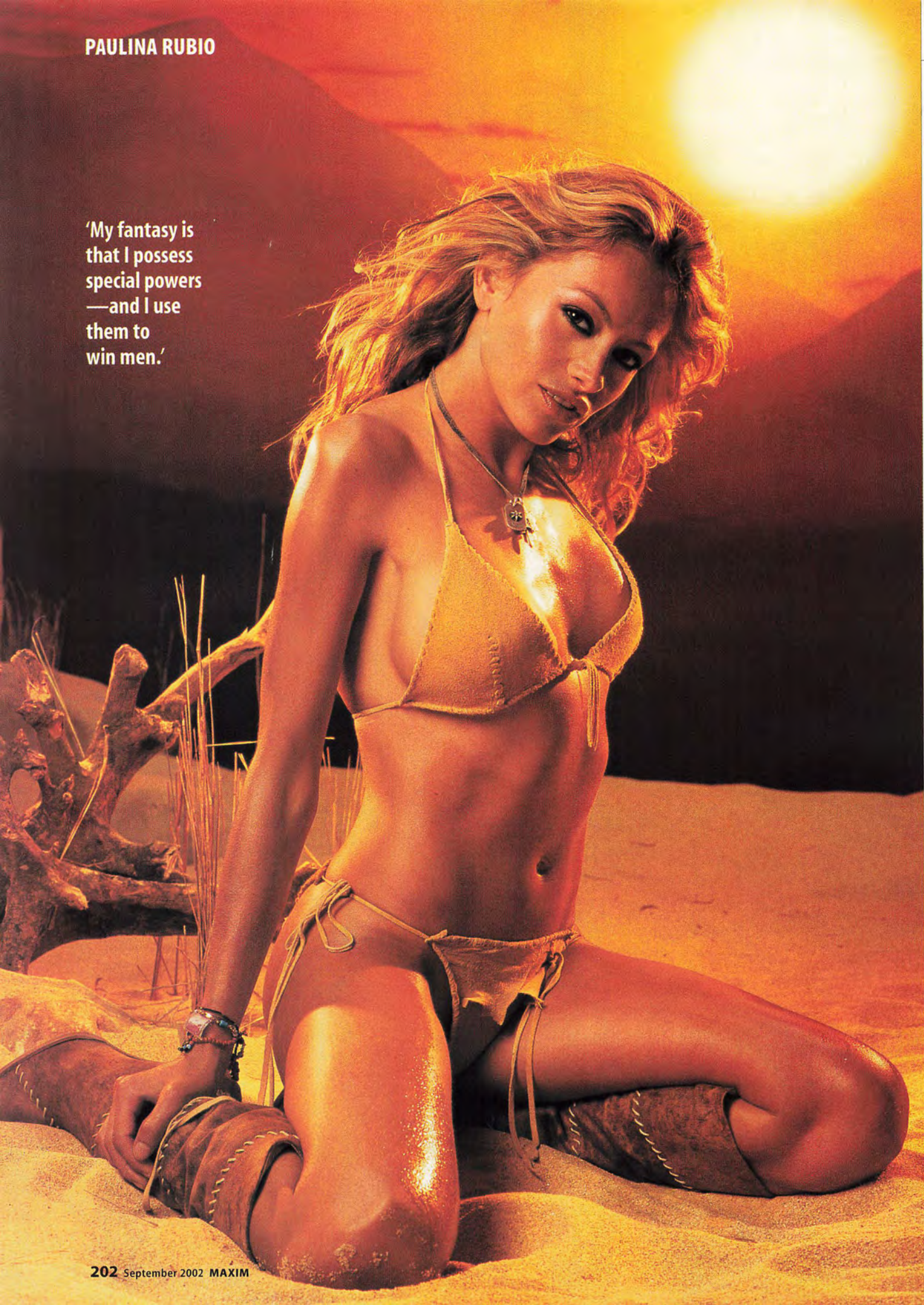
A full-page photograph of Paulina Rubio. She is wearing a dark-colored, possibly black or dark brown, bikini top and matching bottoms. The bikini top has thin straps and a ruffled edge. She is also wearing a thick, multi-strand necklace made of small, round, metallic links. A single chain with a large, dark, rectangular pendant hangs from the necklace. Her hair is long, wavy, and light brown, framing her face. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color, suggesting a sunset or a studio light. The overall tone of the image is warm and sensual.

**PAULINA RUBIO**

'My fans gave  
me the  
nickname  
Pau Pau. It's  
the sound of  
a gun that  
fires love.'



'My fantasy is  
that I possess  
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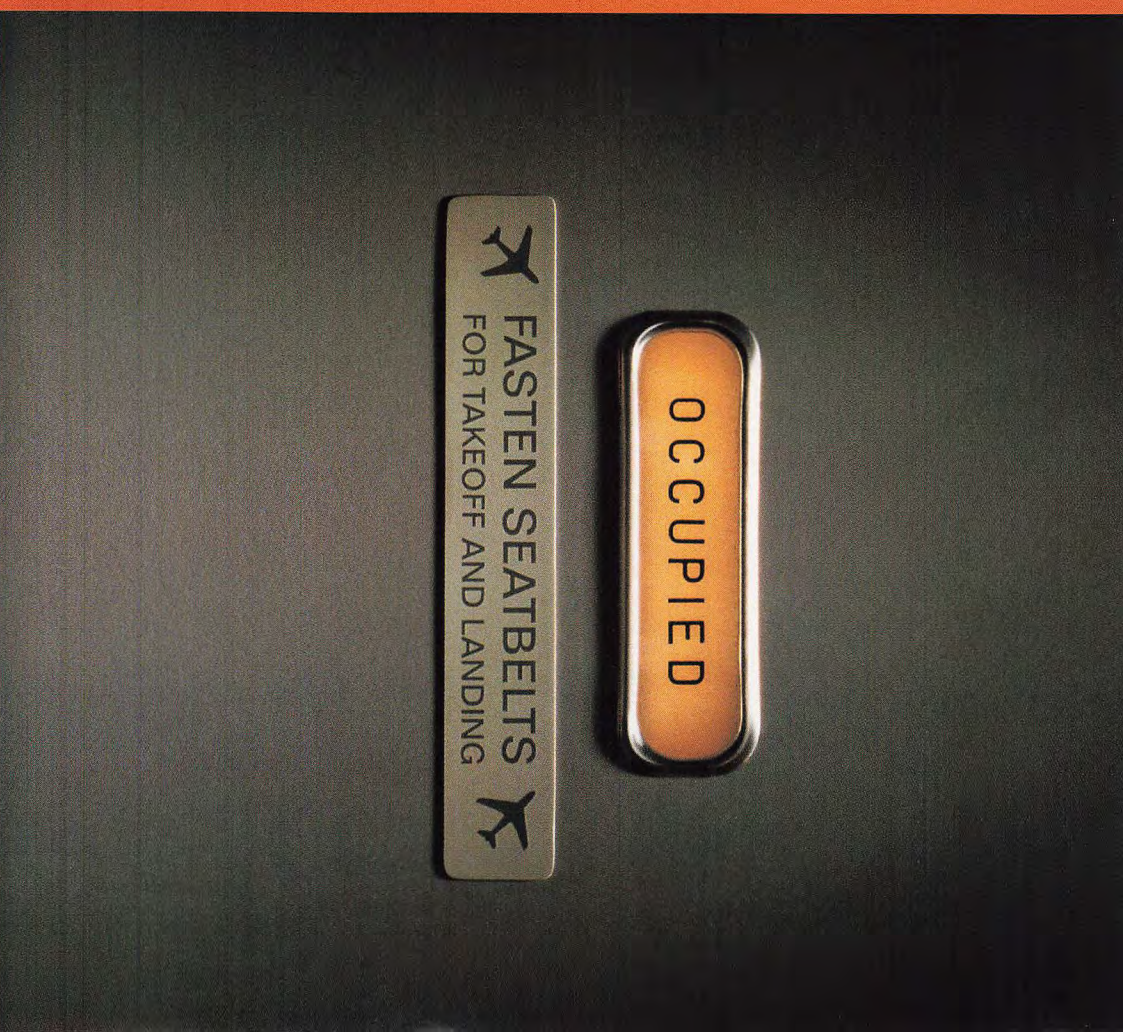




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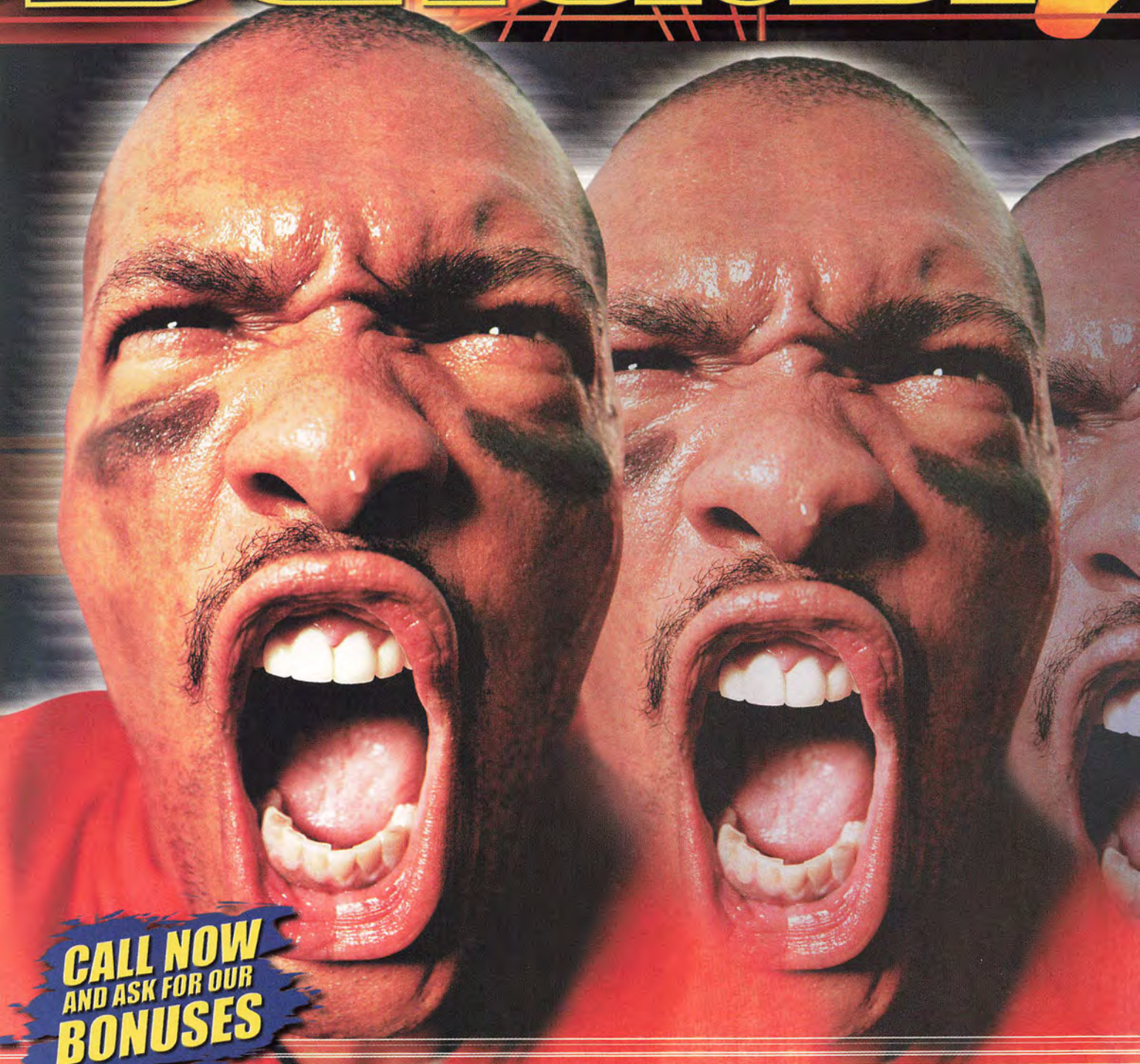


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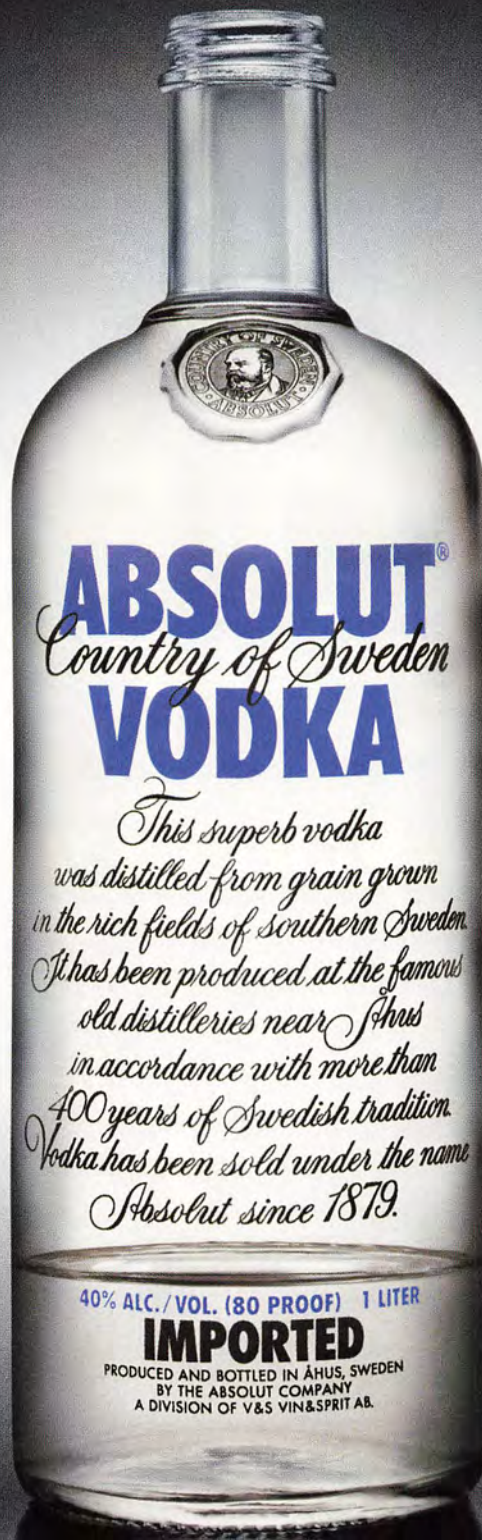
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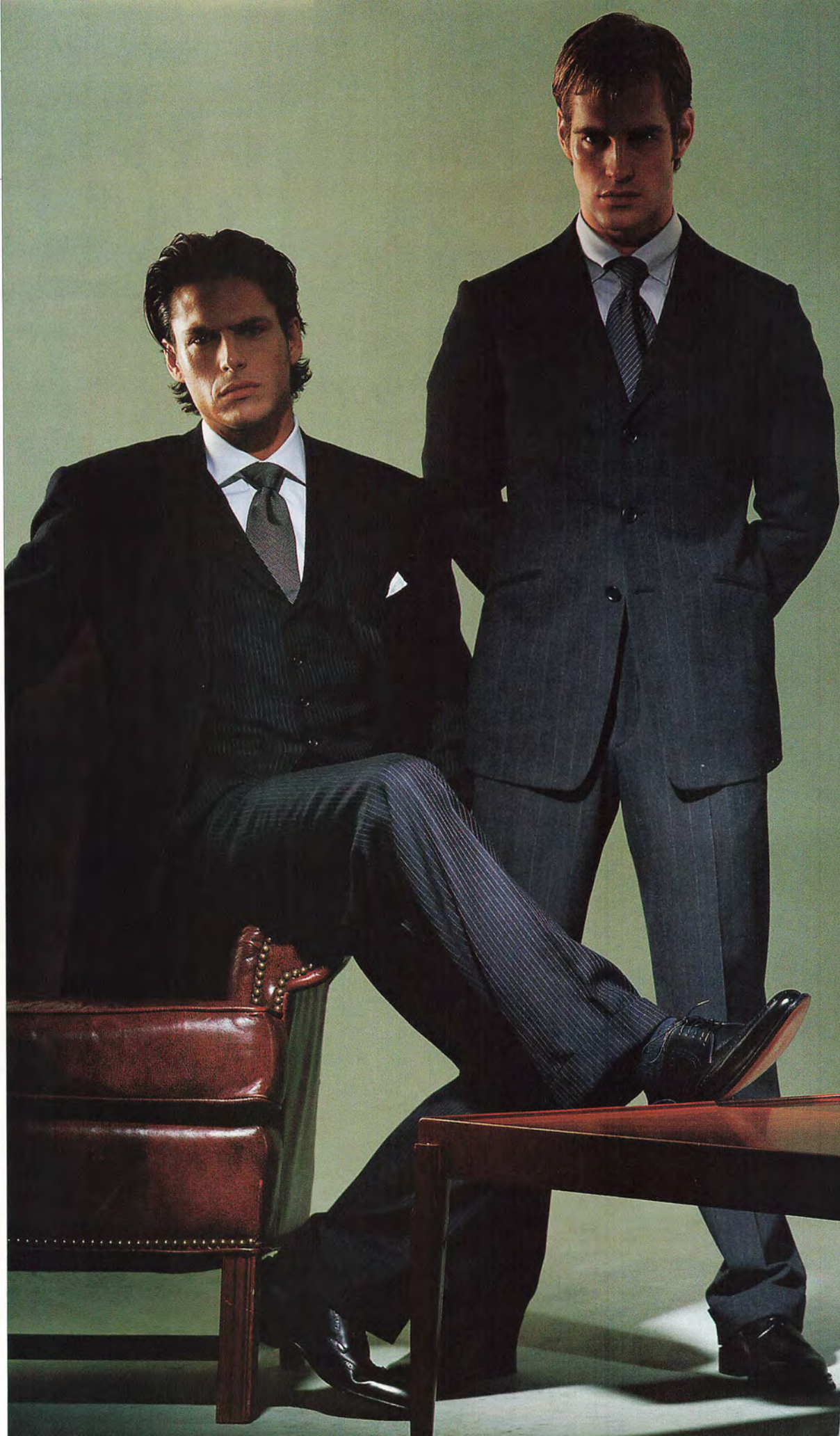
of the coolest new clothes



## The Executive

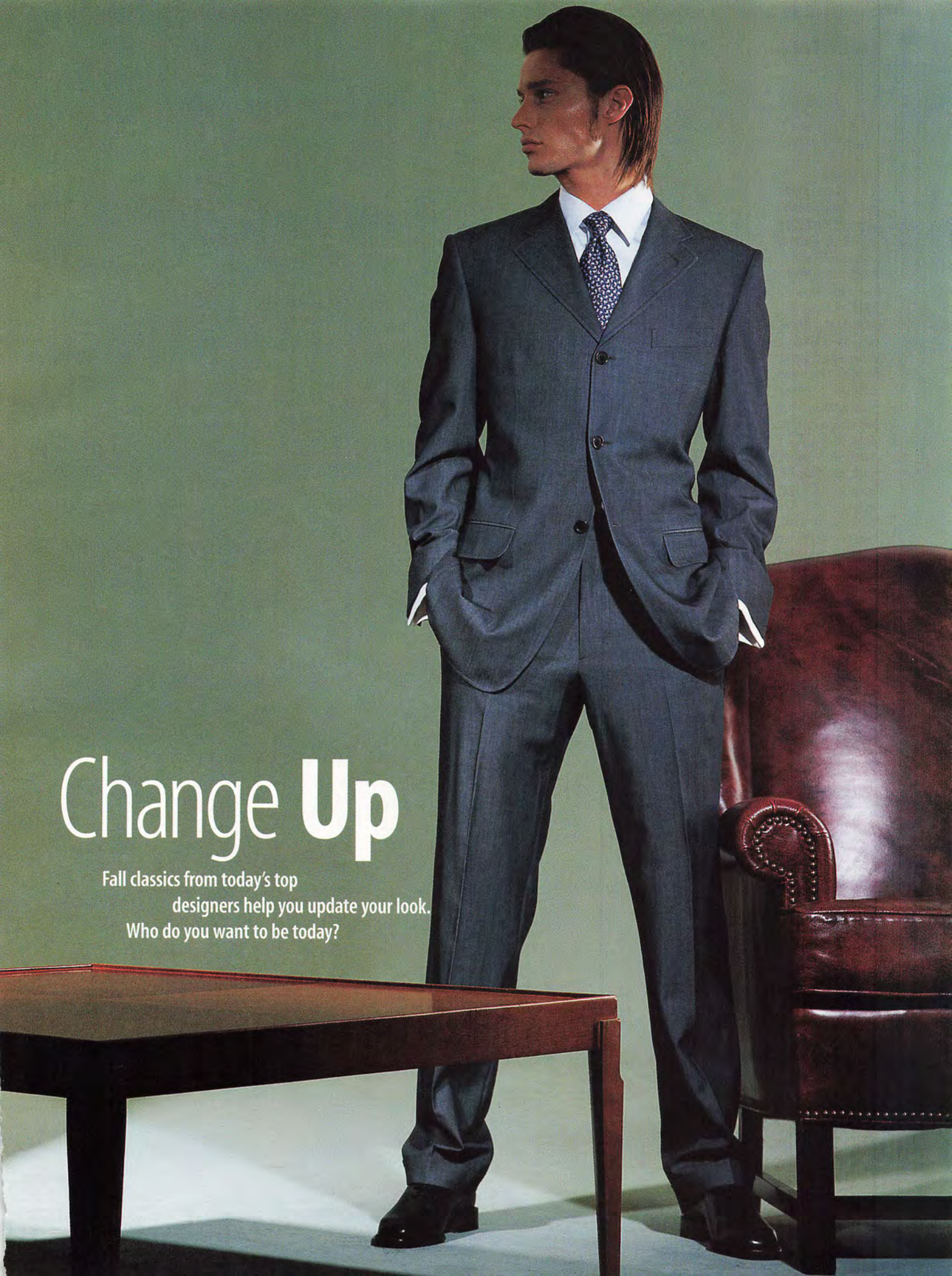
**(from left)**

Pinstripe three-piece suit, **\$4,495**, dotted tie, **\$125**, and French cuff shirt, **\$265**, all by Ralph Lauren Purple Label; shoes, **\$500**, by Ralph Lauren Footwear. Three-button pinstripe suit, **\$1,850**, shirt, **\$395**, diagonal-stripe tie, **\$125**, and lace-up shoes, **\$425**, all by Giorgio Armani. Three-button suit, **\$1,170**, white dress shirt, **\$150**, patterned tie, **\$110**, and shoes, **\$395**, all by Salvatore Ferragamo.



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A full-page advertisement featuring a male model in a grey suit. He is standing with his hands in his pockets, looking off to the side. To his right is a dark leather armchair, and in the foreground is a low wooden table. The background is a solid green wall.

# Change Up

Fall classics from today's top  
designers help you update your look.  
Who do you want to be today?



# The Rebel

**(from left)**

V-neck sweater, **\$780**, pants, **\$380**, and shoes (on floor), **\$380**, all by Prada. Dress shirt, **\$245**, and plaid trousers, **\$465**, both by Moschino Uomo; muscle tank, **\$130**, by DSquared<sup>2</sup>; boots, **\$375**, by Bally. Striped shirt, **\$260**, corduroy pants, **\$215**, knit cap, **\$120**, and belt, **\$130**, all by DSquared<sup>2</sup>; shoes, **\$495**, by John Varvatos. Denim jacket, **\$255**, white shirt, **\$225**, ribbed sweater, **\$450**, scarf, **\$65**, and brown jeans, **\$185**, all by John Varvatos. Corduroy jacket, **\$190**, cotton shirt, **\$315**, vest, **\$425**, scarf, **\$210**, and trousers, **\$495**, all by Marc Jacobs.









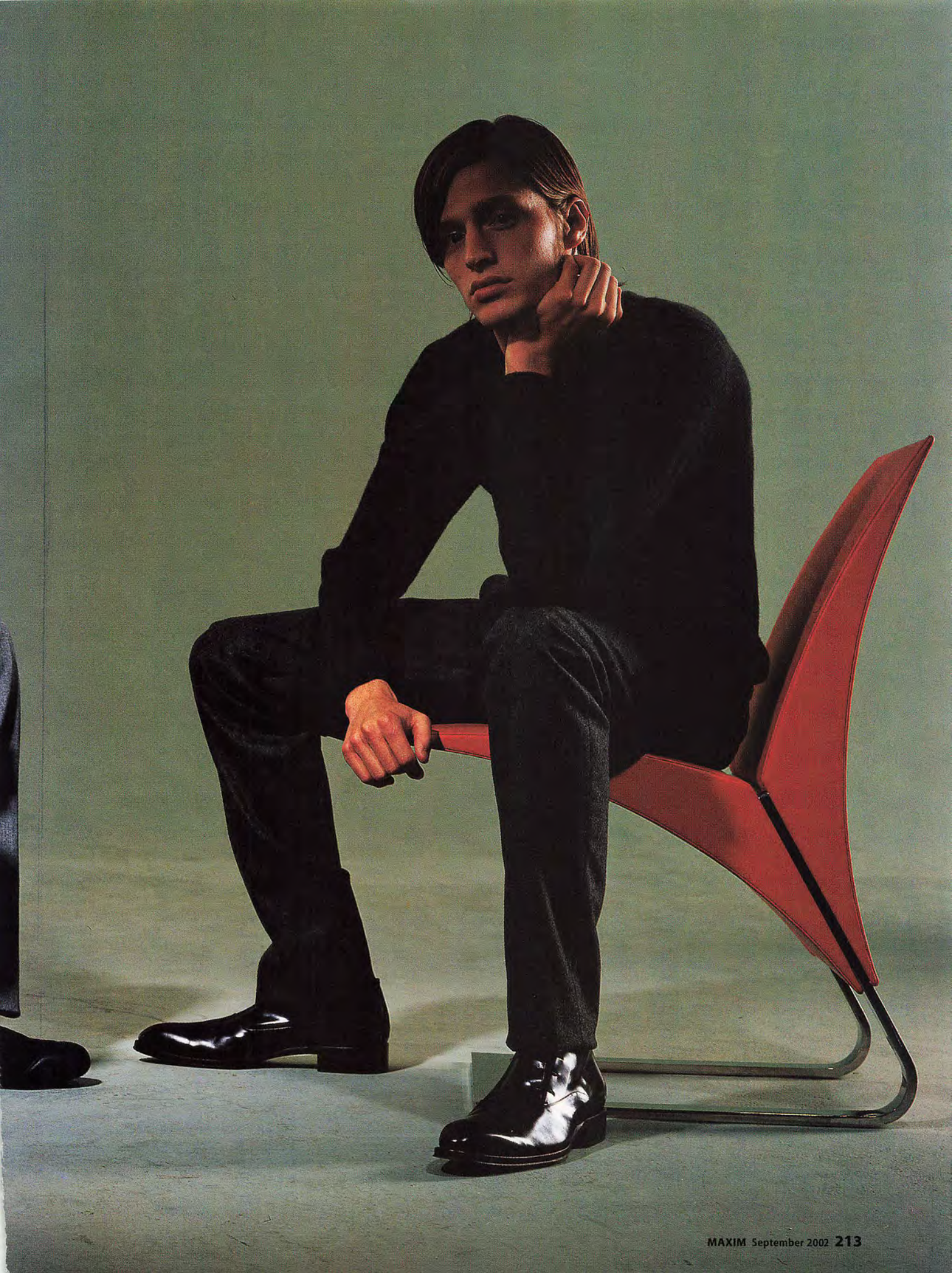
## The Minimalist

**(from left)**

Sweater, **\$950**, white shirt, **\$225**, wool blend trousers, **\$445**, and leather Puma sneakers, **\$220**, all by Jil Sander. Crewneck sweater, **\$550**, and flannel slim pants, **\$360**, both by Calvin Klein Black Label; leather lace-up shoes, **\$290**, by Calvin Klein.





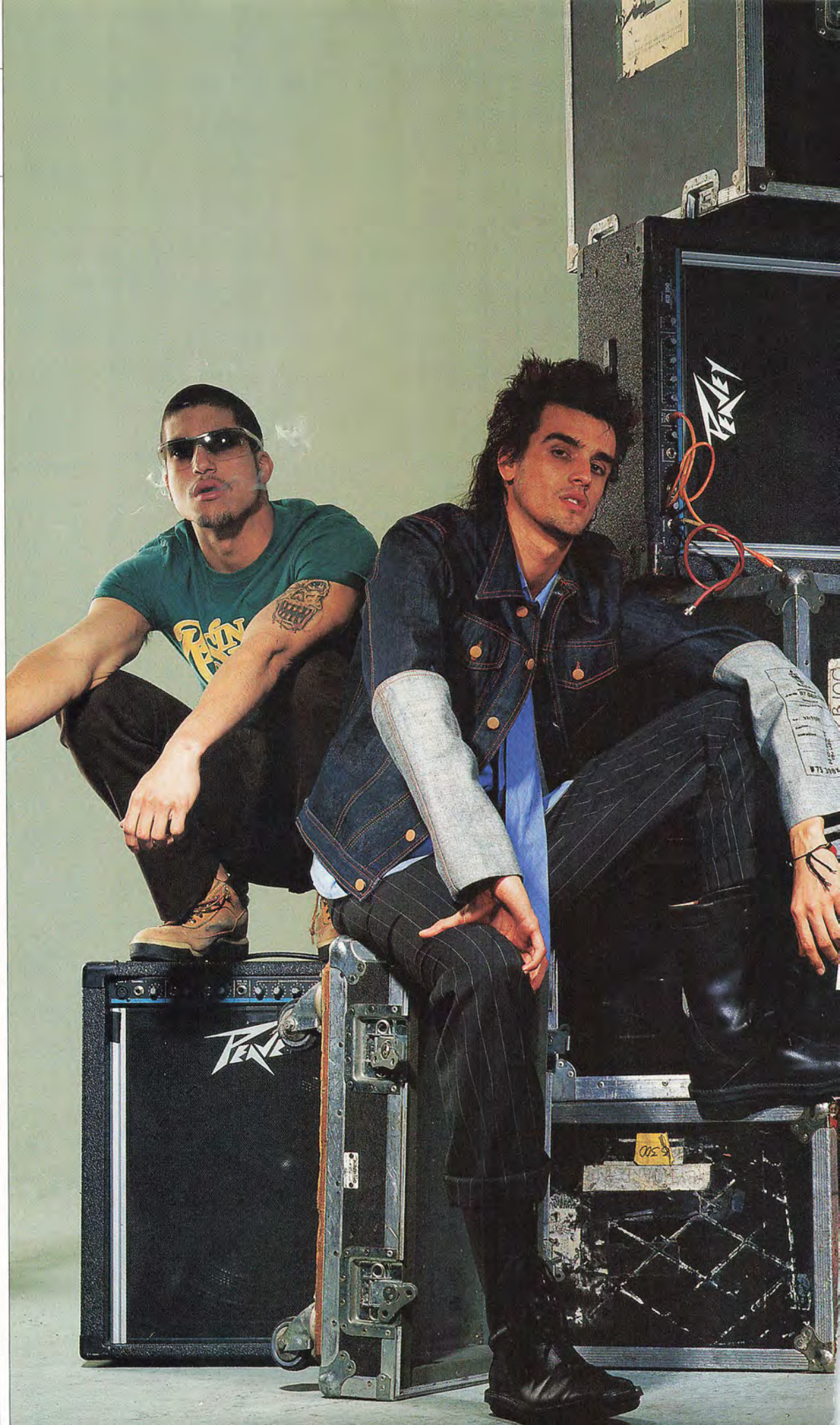




## The Rocker

(from left)

RAISIN' HELL T-shirt, **\$130**, and trousers, **\$315**, both by DSquared<sup>2</sup>. Denim jacket with rolled sleeves, **\$345**, by JPG by Gaultier; pinstripe shirt, **\$495**, and pinstripe pants, **\$365**, both by Jean Paul Gaultier Homme; boots, **\$375**, by Bally. Denim cap, **\$135**, leather vest, **\$1,205**, long-sleeved shirt, **\$300**, jeans, **\$320**, and leather boots, **\$700**, all by Dolce & Gabbana. Denim vest, **\$790**, leather motorcycle jacket, **\$3,695**, gray gothic jacquard shirt, **\$461**, gray gothic jacquard trousers (sold as a suit), **\$2,205**, and leather high tops, **\$380**, all by Versace.









# The Night Owl

**(from left)**

Velvet blazer, **\$1,990**, cotton T-shirt, **\$160**, scarf, **\$175**, wool trousers, **\$595**, and leather shoes, **\$560**, all by Tom Ford for Gucci. Two-button tuxedo jacket, **\$1,415**, silk T-shirt, **\$350**, and tuxedo trousers, **\$670**, all by Tom Ford for Yves Saint Laurent Rive Gauche. Silk shirt, **\$280**, turtleneck, **\$195**, trousers, **\$325**, and leather boots, **\$375**, all by Bally. Silk tonal-stripe suit, **\$1,696**, and white shirt, **\$275**, both by Dior Homme by Hedi Slimane.



Prop styling, Liz Engelhart; hair, Yoshio for aRT miX the agency; grooming, Anthony Isambert for aRT miX the agency; models, Wes Carnes (Q), Santana and Alvaro (Clear), Jan A (T), Steve Fancoeur (DNA), Jayson and Morton (Q), and Rob Clark (NY Models).







Need a wardrobe evolution? These top five style essentials will make 'em think you chucked your whole closet.

# Natural Selection







## Road Runner

These new sneakers will take you from the track to the nightclub without so much as a water break. (clockwise from top left)  
 Leather sneaker, \$260, by Bally.  
 Leather athletic shoe, \$145, by Cole Haan with Nike Air Technology.  
 Leather lace-ups, \$275, by Sergio Rossi.  
 Rascals, \$80, by Steve Madden.  
 Sypher/Auriga shoe, \$125, by Tsubo.

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## Collar-Conscious

The three-button dress shirt will show them who's the boss.

Cotton dress shirt with graphic check and three-button collar, \$230, by Lorenzini.





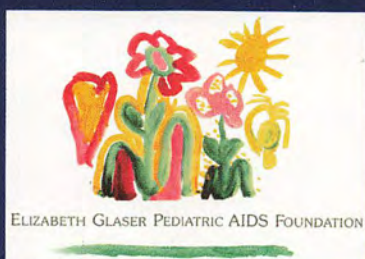
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## Knit Wit

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(from top)

Two-toned scarf, \$135, and sweater, \$410, both by Dries Van Noten, at Barneys New York.

Turtleneck sweater with moose, \$720, by DSquared<sup>2</sup>.

Aqua snowflake scarf, \$38, by Chereskin.

Marled wool cardigan, \$116, by Perry Ellis.

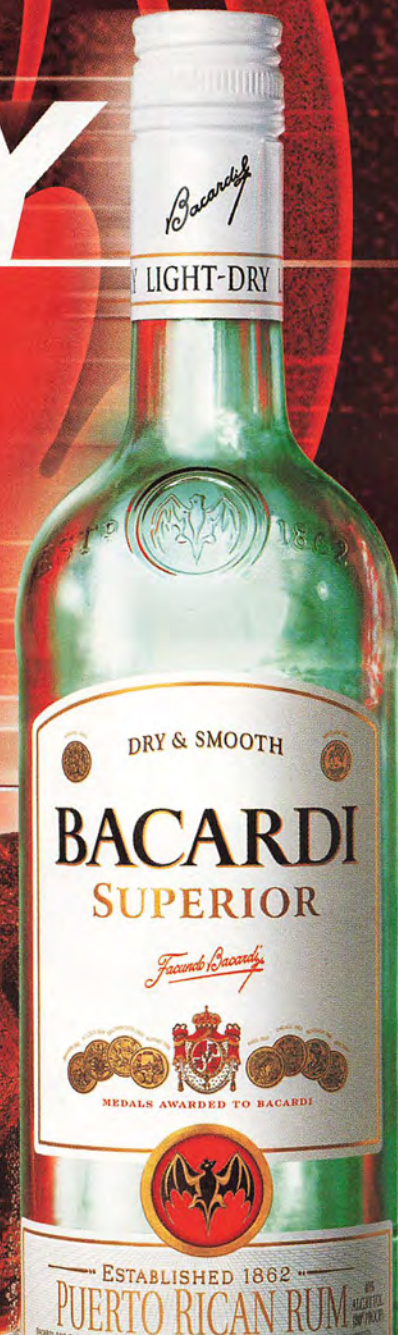
Zip-front floral cardigan, \$590, by D&G.

Brown ethnic embroidered scarf, \$120, by Trussardi.

Extra-long color-blocked scarf, \$195, by Peter Jensen, at Barneys New York.



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on with leather trim, \$195, by Kenneth Cole New York. Worsted-wool carry-on, \$395, by Jack Spade. Square leather bag, \$1,230, by Hogan. Herringbone carry-on, \$360, by Rafe New York.





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### **How Do You Take SizeMAX?**

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A man with a 7 or 8 inch penis is simply "better equipped" than a man with a average 5 to 6 inch penis. Would you rather have more than enough to get the job done, or would you rather fall short? It's up to you.

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# You've Got Questions... We've Got Answers!

## What is SizeMAX?

SizeMAX is a Blockbuster pill that has been market-proven to increase a man's penis size by up to 3 full inches.

## How Does SizeMAX Work?

SizeMAX was designed to increase the width and length of your Corpora Cavernosa chambers allowing them to hold more blood during erection, creating a larger, thicker, harder penis.

## Are There Any Side-Effects?

Most users report intensified orgasms and sensitivity along with penile growth.

## How Do You Take SizeMAX?

Simply take two easy to swallow capsules together once a day.

## How Long Can You Expect To Get?

We have reports from actual users ranging from 1 inch to over 3 inches.

## How Long Does SizeMAX Take To Work?

In the first 3 weeks, men notice greater and longer lasting erections and a noticeable increase in thickness. Weeks 4-8 men notice new length and even more thickness. Weeks 9 and on, men notice a new penis body, as much as 3 inches longer and much thicker.

## How Long Do The Results Of SizeMAX Last?

Once you reach a size you're satisfied with, you can stop taking SizeMAX. And to this day, we have not had any users report any form of shrinkage back to their old size.

## Is SizeMAX Sold In Stores?

SizeMAX is not sold in stores. If you see someone else selling SizeMAX, they're probably counterfeits. The Original SizeMAX capsules are available only from us- PharmaLux.

## Who Else Wants A Bigger Penis?



The complex penis enlargement blend that SizeMAX uses was created by Herbal Expert, Mr. Vincent James. His all-natural blend works so well, he's sold over **120 MILLION CAPSULES** over the past two years alone! His Revolutionary blend has even been "Put To The Test" by the leading woman's magazine **JANE**... and here's what they said:

"Yeah, size doesn't matter but it wasn't a bad thing exactly when **my boyfriend's penis suddenly got bigger after just three days.** The makers say it can increase tool size by 26% but warn not to take the stuff past the nine-inch mark or you'll be "too large for most women to handle." Whatever. **All I know is, it's three weeks later and he's one and a half inches longer, much wider, and I'm not gonna complain.**"  
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# hot spot the inside story on healthy sex

by Jamie Ireland

## Learning "The Ropes"...

This month I got a letter from a reader in Texas, about a "little secret" that has made her love life with her husband absolutely explosive. (Those Texans know their stuff, let me tell you.)

Tina writes:

Dear Jamie,

Last month, my husband returned from a business trip in Europe, he was hotter and hornier than ever before, with more passion and sexual energy than he'd had for years. It was incredible. He flat wore me out! And the best part of all—he was having multiple orgasms. I know what you're thinking... men don't have multiples. That's what I thought, too. But his newfound vigor and excitement stimulated me, too, and before we knew it, we were both basking in the glow of the best sex of our lives.

We'd tried tantric stuff in the past, and the results were so-so. But this was something new and exciting, completely out of the ordinary. I asked my husband what had created



such a dramatic change in our lovemaking, and he told me he'd finally learned "the ropes."

On the last night of his business trip, my husband spent an evening dining out with a Swedish nutritionist and his wife of 20 years. The couple was obviously still quite enamored with each other, so my husband asked their secret. The nutritionist told him their sex life was more passionate than ever. Then he pulled a small bottle from his satchel and gave it to my husband. The bottle contained a natural supplement that the nutritionist told my husband would teach him "the ropes" of good sex.

My husband takes the supplement every day. The supply from the nutritionist

is about to run out, and we desperately want to know how we can find more. Do you know anything about "the ropes," and can you tell us how we can find it in the States?

Sincerely,

Tina C.

Ft. Worth, Texas

Tina, you and the rest of our readers are in luck, because it just so happens I do know about the ropes, and the supplement your husband's Swedish friend likely shared.

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best part, from a woman's perspective, is that the motion and experience a man can achieve with Mioplex Pure Extract can help stimulate our own orgasms, bringing a whole new meaning to the term *simultaneous climax*.

The term used by the Swedish nutritionist is actually fairly common slang for the effect your husband experienced. The enhanced contractions and heightened orgasmic release are often referred to as *ropes* because of the rope-like effect of release during climax. In other words, as some people have said, "it just keeps coming and coming."

As far as finding it in the States, I know of just one importer—Böland Naturals, Inc. If you are interested, you can contact them at 1-866-MIOPLEX or Mioplex.com. Mioplex is all-natural and safe to take. Most people I've spoken with have said taking just three tablets daily has led to the *roping* effect Tina described in her letter.

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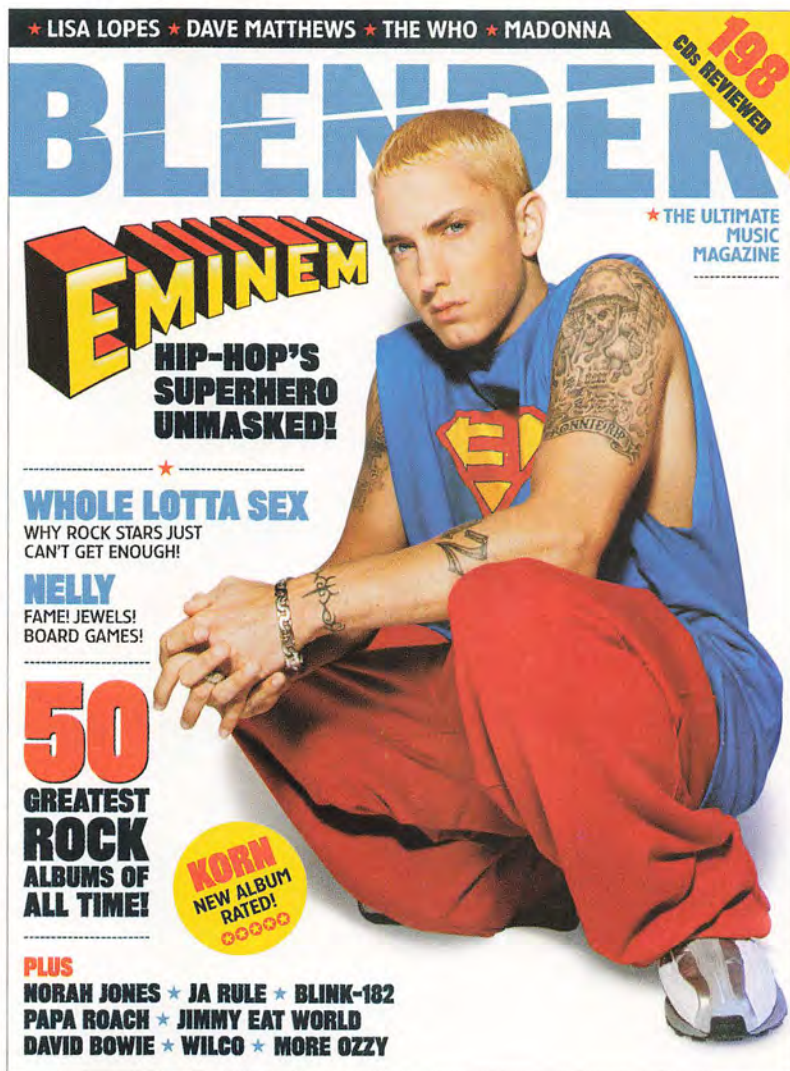
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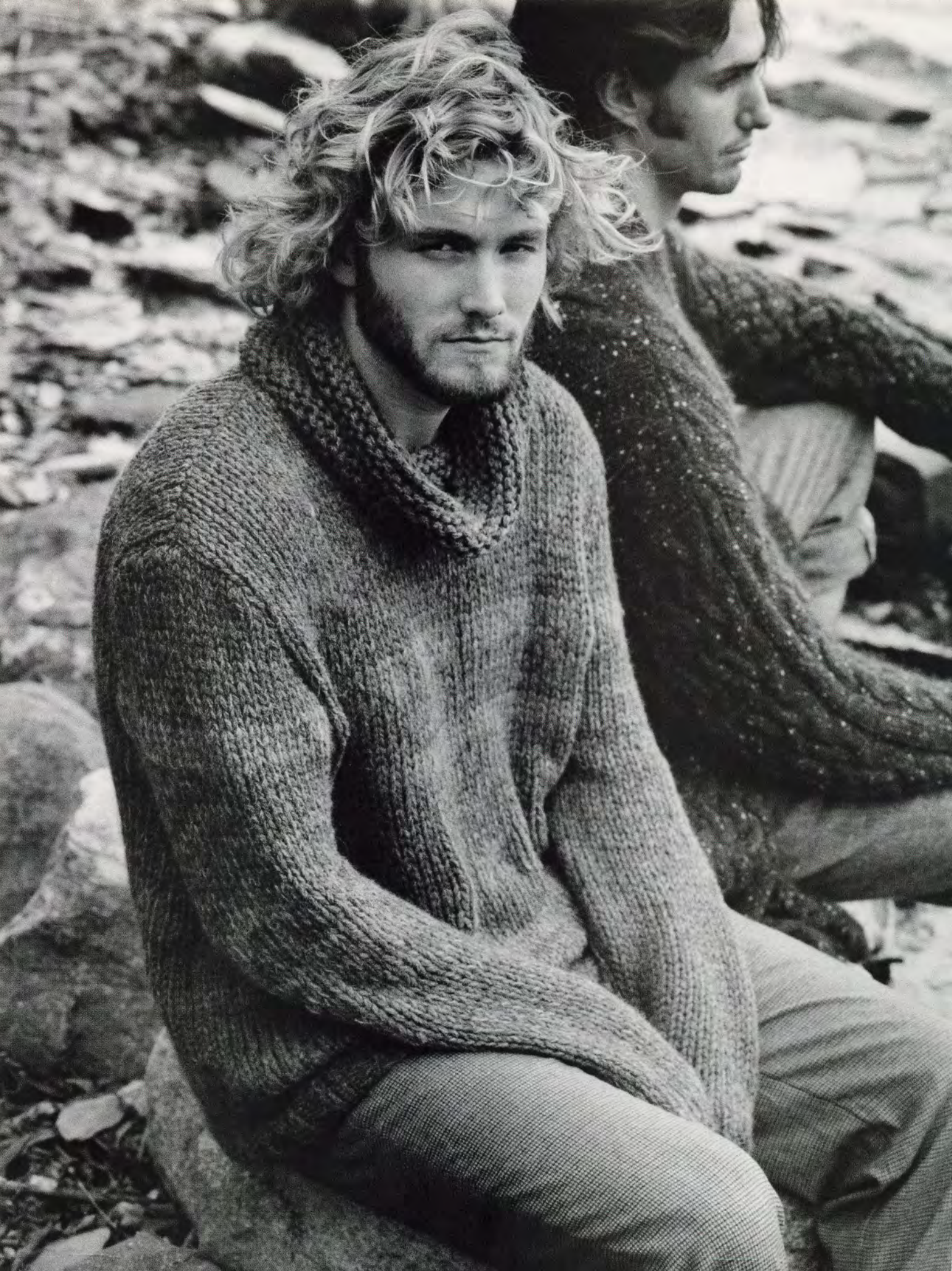
Whether you want to bag a buck or just look like you  
did, this rugged fall gear will keep the competition at bay.



A full-page photograph of a man standing in a grassy field, looking back over his shoulder. He is wearing a red and black plaid shirt and dark pants. He is holding a pump-action shotgun in his left hand. The background is a soft-focus landscape with trees and a cloudy sky.

Wool shirt, \$77, by  
Pendleton; cotton pants,  
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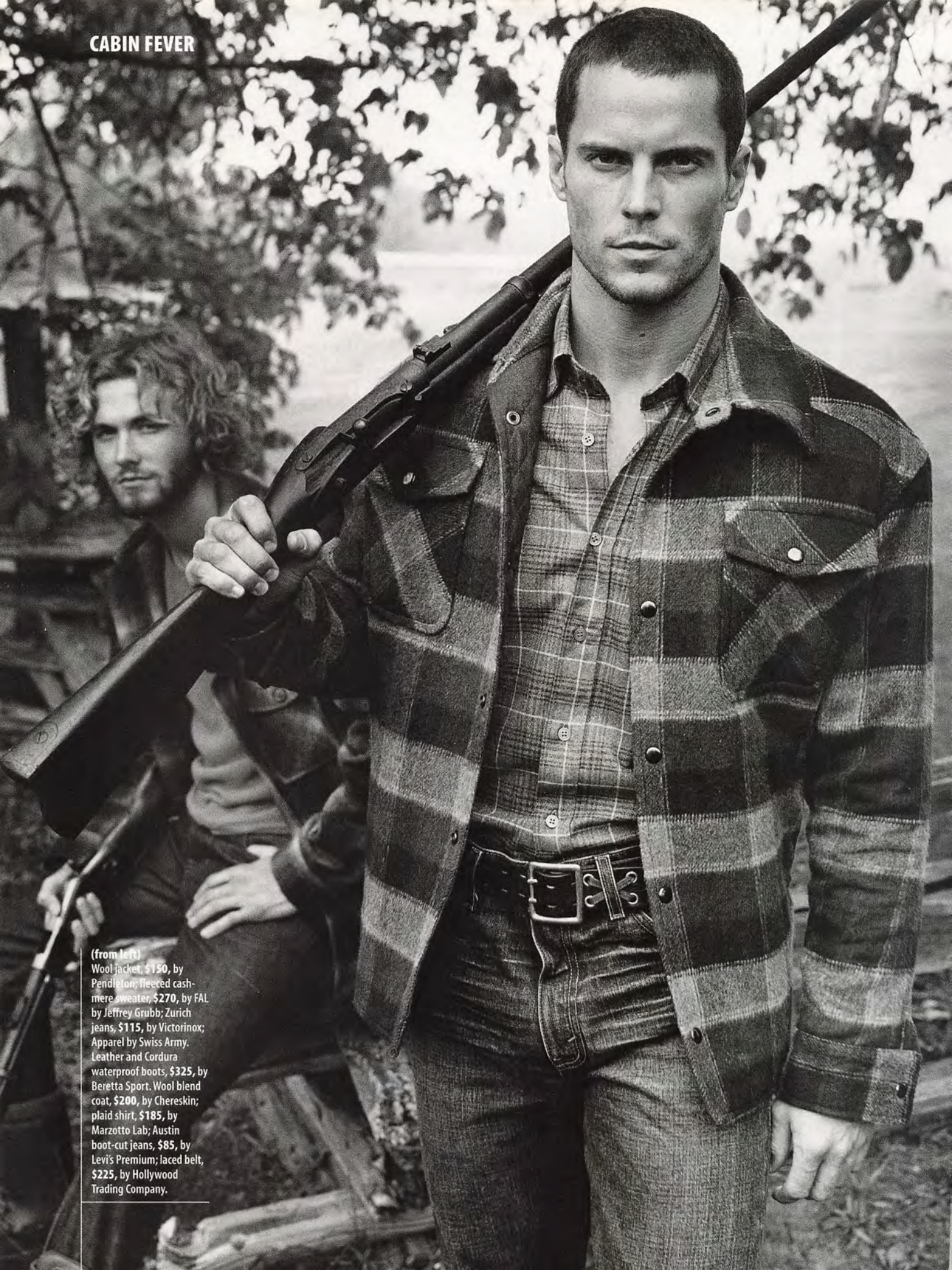




(from left)  
Wool turtleneck sweater,  
\$755, and wool tweed  
pants, \$360, both by  
Samsonite Black Label.  
Scottish tweed mohair  
sweater-jacket, \$350, by  
Margaret O'Leary; wool  
herringbone trousers,  
\$175, by Gant.



## CABIN FEVER



(from left)

Wool jacket, \$150, by Pendleton; fleeced cashmere sweater, \$270, by FAL by Jeffrey Grubb; Zurich jeans, \$115, by Victorinox; Apparel by Swiss Army. Leather and Cordura waterproof boots, \$325, by Beretta Sport. Wool blend coat, \$200, by Chereskin; plaid shirt, \$185, by Marzotto Lab; Austin boot-cut jeans, \$85, by Levi's Premium; laced belt, \$225, by Hollywood Trading Company.



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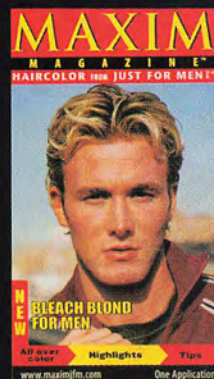
## CABIN FEVER

Wool and imitation suede sweater, \$330, by Gran Sasso; corduroy shooting vest, \$235, cotton mole-skin trousers with alcantara trim, \$225, and leather and Cordura waterproof boots, \$325, all by Beretta Sport.





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denim shirt, \$160, and  
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\$400, by Bottega Veneta.  
Mock turtleneck, \$88, by  
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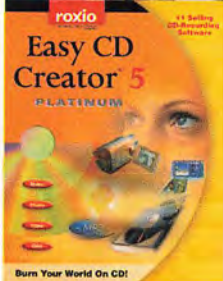
**(from left)**

Flannel cotton shirt, \$60, cotton henley, \$50, and wool pants, \$101, all by Tommy Hilfiger. Fleece cashmere long john sweater, \$270, by FAL by Jeffrey Grubb; Battenkill Pro Guide vest, \$139, by Orvis; cotton pants, \$110, by John Bartlett Uniform. Cotton shirt, \$68, by Beretta Sport; cotton stretch muscle shirt, \$20, by Nautica; 507 jeans, \$85, by Levi's Jeans.



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## Pop Couture

Designer Gene Meyer has come up with a new jeans collection that goes easy on the wallet.

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Cotton  
long-sleeved  
T-shirt, \$28

Zippered sweat  
jacket, \$49





Cotton polo  
shirt, \$49



Silk and  
viscose striped  
sweater, \$59



Textured  
shirt, \$59





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Wool-cashmere flannel  
pinstripe jacket, \$695,  
cashmere henley, \$375,  
wool-cashmere flannel  
pinstripe trousers,  
\$225, and pony skin  
hiking boots, \$495.

Michael Kors plays king of the hill with a new  
ski-lodge-worthy men's collection that hits  
the slopes this fall.

# Ski Mogul

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Wool-cashmere two-button jacket, **\$695**, cotton shirt, **\$175**, and wool-cashmere flannel trousers, **\$225**.

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Fur-lined patrol coat, **\$3,295**, cashmere turtleneck, **\$795**, and denim ski jeans, **\$245**.

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Padded leather channel-quilted vest, **\$1,295**.

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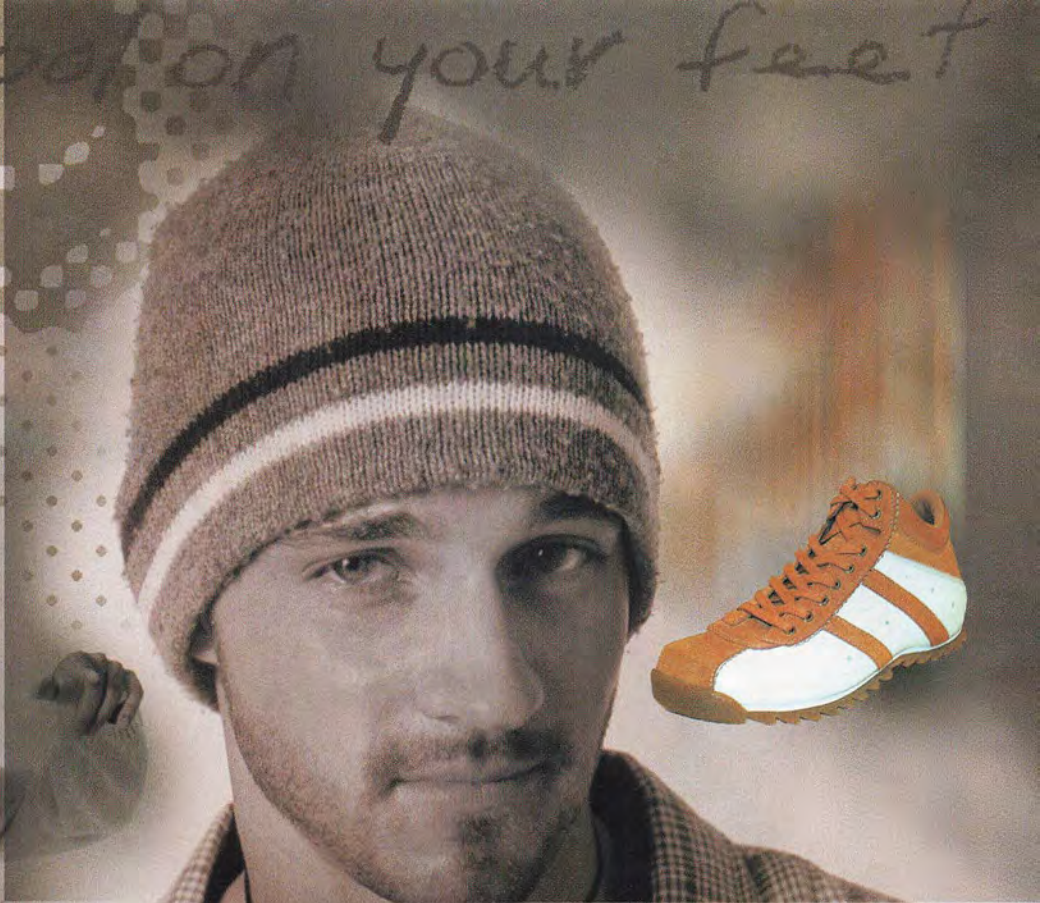


Fair Isle camelhair sweater, **\$550**.

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**Grab Bag**

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# Top Gear

Just like Mom used to make

## STILL CRAZY!

...after all these beers.

According to the folks who imported this \$360 copper still from Italy—the Ruffoni Distillator—it is legal to sell it in the U.S. The catch: They can't tell you how to use it. (Making hooch without a permit is illegal.) *Maxim* to the rescue! This contraption will make liquor out of anything with fermented sugar. Our special rotgut brandy recipe: Dump red wine into the kettle, fill the cooker with kerosene, pop it under the kettle, and fire it up! (Be sure to have a fire extinguisher handy.) The wine will steam, filter through the tubing, and drip out into the cup in no time. Voilà! Ninety-proof brandy. Pour out the first ounce, and go for it. If you go blind or the thing blows up, you didn't hear it here. ([Ruffonicopper.com](http://Ruffonicopper.com))







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## GRAB BAG

Boiling-hot guy gear for materialist pigs like yourself! C'mon, man . . . You know you want it.

BY THUNDERBOLT ROSS  
PHOTOGRAPHS BY SHIN OHIRA



### 2. Motorola Simplefi (\$379)

Tired of listening to tunes through your shitty computer speakers? Plug the Simplefi into your stereo and it'll transmit your computer's MP3 files via radio waves to your sound system—from up to 150 feet away and straight through walls. Let's see David Blaine top that. (Motorola.com)



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#### 7. Olympia Soundbug (\$50)

Hey, when's the last time you really pissed somebody off? Plug this pup into your portable music player and slap it on any mirror, window, or metal door. The Soundbug makes any hard, smooth surface resonate with sound, turning it into a giant speaker good for about 75 dBm (that means loud). Rock the cathedral! ([Soundbug-us.com](http://Soundbug-us.com))

#### 1. Iacocca Folding E-Bike (\$1,395)

Wanna impress that hippie chick, the one bugging you to recycle? Take her to a WTO protest on this Lee Iacocca-designed collapsible city cycle. Part bicycle, part lithium-battery moped, it'll cruise 15 mph for 20 to 22 miles without any pedaling. Just remember: Girls like that don't shave *anywhere*. ([Bigplanet.com](http://Bigplanet.com))

#### 3. Homer Simpson Tin Action Toy (\$25)

This year buy the ol' lady a gift for Labor Day: 8½ inches of Homer Simpson, with windup walking action. Oh, Homer, you dirty, dirty bastard! Yessiree, this old-skool tin toy will march around your rumpus room and lift a can of beer to his mug, just like robot toys of yore. D'oh! ([Rocketusa.com](http://Rocketusa.com))

#### 4. BMW StreetCarver (\$479)

So you swore you'd own a BMW by your 30th birthday. Big deal! We swore we'd sober up after the fourth conviction. But you're in luck. BMW's 33-inch carver uses unique, swiveling trucks and four wheels, creating a skateboard that feels and responds like a surfboard-snowboard combo. ([Streetcarver.com](http://Streetcarver.com))



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#### 5. Forever Flashlight (\$40)

This is the last flashlight you'll ever buy. Not just because you're about to meet a violent death, but because this technological wonder is guaranteed to last forever and never needs batteries or bulbs. Grasp it firmly, shake it vigorously (you've been practicing, right?), and the LED glows bright blue at up to a mile away. Shit, look out! ([Excaliburelectronics.com](http://Excaliburelectronics.com))

#### 6. Air Pegasus 2000 iD (\$90)

Are your feet wider than King Kong's schlong? Do you pronate? No problem either way. Nike custom-builds their new Air Pegasus with three outsole options, superwide widths, and a personalized heel (up to 10 characters). Head over to the Web site, fill out a form, and you're golden. ([Nikerunning.com](http://Nikerunning.com))

#### 8. Gurkha HMR Cigars (\$5,000)

Fidel Castro's a punk. Gurkha, a Miami-based company, now makes the world's most expensive cigars, using 23-year-old Dominican tobacco laced with Louis XIII cognac. The hand-rolled stogies go for \$250 each. Smoke 'em if you got 'em. (305-593-2254)





## EATING OUT

# SUB ATTACK

We put five sandwich chains through the, uh, grinder. Which fared the best?

"Stayin' alive... Stayin' alive."



**You know the drill.** It's late. You have approximately \$6.42 in your pocket, and you want to get your eat on. You would stop at McDonald's, but you had McDonald's for lunch. And dinner. And breakfast the day before. So you're off to a sub sandwich franchise near you. But which one? Do you go for the joint that claims it can help you lose weight through commercials designed to make you incredibly hungry? Or do you just cut to the chase and head to the one that actually seems to be named after fat fucks?

To find out which sub is the bomb, we tested four of the top national outfits—Subway, Blimpie, Quizno's, and Togo's—and, to round out the competition, senior editor Rosie Amodio's mom. We bought Italian sandwiches from each, corralled five lucky staffers for a massive blind taste test, and rated the sandwiches from one to 10. Next, we got small turkey subs from each and weighed the meat to see how much food you get for your bread. We also checked the calorie info on a meatball sub at each to see which'll help you lose the spare tire. Then we contacted the New York City Department of Health to see if the franchise nearest our office of each chain has had any health inspection violations. (Note: more than half of 'em did.) And finally, to see which sandwich lasts the longest, we left one Italian sub from each joint out on a desk and took a single bite every day for a week. The results:

BY MICHAEL DOLAN  
PHOTOGRAPHS BY FRANK VERONSKY

## SUBWAY

**The facts:** This chain was started in 1965 by a 17-year-old from Connecticut who borrowed a grand to start a business to help him pay for college. Now there are 16,568 Subways, proving once and for all that college is for suckers.

**Blind taste test:** The salami, pepperoni, and ham trifecta was a crowd pleaser. However, when we asked for "everything on it," we didn't realize they'd go jalapeño-mad (we counted 54 slices on our sub). Said one taster: "This is almost as hot as my bowels are gonna be in an hour." 5/10

**Value:** The three slices of turkey on our small sandwich added up to one single lousy ounce. For \$3.59, that equals (you guessed it!) \$3.59 per ounce of meat. Maybe that's why that loser Jared is so goddamn skinny.

**Calories:** A six-inch meatball checks in at 501 calories. It does have half your daily dose of vitamin C, so you won't catch a cold until the day you die, which, if you keep eating these, should be around Labor Day.

### Health inspection:

The location nearest *Maxim* headquarters had no



Then he tried to get her to "hold the pickle"

violations. They may be stingy, but at least they're clean.

**Longevity:** Given the amount of meat on this hot-dog-bun-quality, "freshly baked" bread, this unrefrigerated sub tasted fine after a week—no different than it did on day one.

**Overall:** The Subway phenomenon is kinda half-baked. But something tells us we'll be back soon.





## BLIMPIE

**The facts:** In 1964 three Jersey boys started a shop to make sandwiches the way they made 'em at home. They named it Blimpie because the overstuffed sandwich resembled a blimp. Thank God it didn't look like a hairy penis, right? Today there are over 2,000 Blimpies in 16 countries.

**Blind taste test:** "A tribute to blandness," said one taster. Despite the alleged presence of cappicola, we question the heritage of this "Italian" sandwich. "Can an Italian be fruity?" asked one guy. 2/10

**Value:** A \$3.97 turkey sandwich got us 2.8 ounces of turkey. That comes out to \$1.42 per ounce, which won't make you poor, unless you have to order another 'cause you're still hungry.

**Calories:** Blimpie's meatball sub weighs in at 500 calories. (Subway's is 501 calories. And you thought these two joints were the same!)

**Health inspection:** The Blimpie near us was busted last year for not having a proper thermometer to measure foods that'll make you sick if they're not at a certain temperature. They also



"Actually, it's an Italian suppository. Open wide!"

got nabbed for keeping cold food at temperatures over 45 degrees.

**Longevity:** After a week it tasted like a wet armpit—hardly appetizing, but not fatal.

**Overall:** If you have no arms or legs and a busted wheelchair, pull yourself using your chin on pavement past Blimpie to a more suitable joint. Get the point?



## QUIZNO'S

**The facts:** In 1981 Denver entrepreneurs decided to open an Italian sub shop because, as we all know, Denver is a hotbed of Italian culture. The franchise has since opened in other parts of the world where Italians gather: Puerto Rico, Japan, Australia, Central America, etc.

**Blind taste test:** "The toasted bun is a nice plus," one taster said, "but you have to eat it quick or it soaks up all the goo from the sandwich and gets soggy." And the meat? "Yup," said another, "it's meat all right... I think." We'll take that as a compliment. 4.5/10

**Value:** A \$3.79 sandwich yielded 3.5 ounces of turkey for an extraordinary value of \$1.08 per ounce. Good for second place!

**Calories:** "We don't have to give that information out," the guy at Quizno's customer service told us. So we called the American Dietetic Association on these bastards. We can smell the lawsuit! Or maybe that's just some old mustard.

**Health inspection:** In December of last year, a Quizno's near us got busted for keeping the cold



"Knife and fork? I thought Screech was a dork."

foods too hot and for having living creatures in the food area. And by living creatures, they don't mean Angelina Jolie.

**Longevity:** "This is very bad," said one guy we paid to take a bite of this week-old sub. Now he can't (or won't) move the left side of his body.

**Overall:** A reasonable deal for a reasonable sandwich.



## The tests:



Which rots the fastest?



Which tastes the nastiest?



Which has the most fat?



Which is the biggest ripoff?



And who ordered the maggots?

## TOGO'S

**The facts:** Togo's was started in 1971 by a San Jose college student who hated his school's cafeteria food. Now there are 350 stores across the country, many of which exploit the pot-addled, munchie-craving fanatics who attend our finest institutions.

**Blind taste test:** "Nice meat," one staffer said. (We hear that all the time.) "I feel like I'm tasting Isabella Rossellini." "Thick with salami, cappicola, mortadella, and a mystery 'ham' called Cotto (it's actually turkey, with all the flavor but less fat). Can they make cheese out of turkey? 7/10

**Value:** We got 3.5 ounces of turkey for \$4.69. That's an impressive \$1.34 per ounce... nearly three times the deal that Subway's hawking.

**Calories:** Over 28 grams of fat! Over 1,600 milligrams of sodium! More than 700 calories! Regulation time is over—we've reached sudden death.

**Health inspection:** Just three months before our test, the Togo's nearest us got busted for having critters in the food area. Apparently, they weren't ingredients in the sandwich.

**Longevity:** After



"Hey, Zorro, you're frothing all over my big break."

seven days of rotting, this sandwich smelled downright lethal, and we chickened out. Hey, we're journalists... our pay is torture enough.

**Overall:** Pretty tasty. Pretty filling. Plenty of meat for the dough. So what if they've got a little vermin problem? According to our calculations, this shop rules over all the chain shops. Can Rosie's mom beat it?



## ROSIE'S MOM

**The facts:** Staffer Rosie Amodio's mom grew up in Sicily. The family business? A restaurant. Get the picture? The ingredients: cappicola, prosciutto, sopressata, provolone, mozzarella, peppers, cured eggplant, lettuce, tomato, olive oil, salt, and pepper on a brick-oven Italian baguette.

**Blind taste test:** Said one staffer: "So many precious flavors! [heavy breathing] Such rich, salty pork!" Said another: "It's just what Mom used to make. Not my mom, but one who can actually fucking cook!" Only one guy didn't take to Rosie's mom's meal. "I was raised on processed sandwiches," he said. "This thing is just out of control." What an ass. 9.5/10

**Value:** Felix Dennis (who owns this rag) flipped the bill. It had more meat than we could swallow... for free.

**Calories:** We have no idea. Pass the salt.

**Health inspection:** Rosie's mom watches *Law & Order*, so she knows not to let anyone into the house without a warrant, especially pesky health inspectors.



How many sub captions do we gotta write? Sheesh.

She loves Jerry Orbach but misses Chris Noth. You can quote her on that.

**Longevity:** This sandwich wouldn't last 10 minutes. When we left the room for beer, our gluttonous ad team ducked in and absconded with the booty. The nerve!

**Overall:** It's absurd to pit Mrs. Amodio against the chains. But we're glad we did. Life will never be the same again.



Rosie's mom!





Even the Chinese hate Yanni



"Hey, Adolf. How about a little chin music?"

## MUSIC MATTERS

# FREELOADERS' BALL

The Web is a smorgasbord of free music, movies, and games. But which site rocks? BY JEREMY A. KAPLAN

Now that Napster is dead, we hear some folks are shelling out for music again. Stoo-pid! Hell, you wouldn't pay for milk with a cow at home, would you? OK, maybe you would. The point is, free music (movies and software, too) is still all over the Web. To find out which site jams, we gave four *Maxim* staffers, all downloading virgins, one hour to steal Weezer's new album, at least \$100 in videos, and anything else they could find. And they're off...

**Now in blue.**

**The first subscriber to**

**read these captions all the**

**way to the end wins...**

**zippo! Thanks for playing.**

## AUDIOGALAXY

**The vibe:** Bill Gates meets Moby in a dark, romantic alley—it's geektacular! "I followed all the directions, downloaded all the software, and got nothin'," complained our tester. "What am I, a freakin' idiot?" Bingo! The trick is finding the nearly invisible "satellite" icon in the upper right hand corner of the home page. (Could they have made it harder to find?)

**Platform:** PC

**Music:** The best site for alternative bands and old-school punk.

**Video:** zilch.

**Speed:** You get music only, but nice 'n' fast. "Weezer's latest album downloaded quicker (22.5 minutes) than Kobe Bryant after a rancid bacon cheeseburger." Ouch!

**Overall:** It's a great site—now that we found that stupid satellite icon. (You're welcome.) Too bad a music industry lawsuit may close 'em down. Stay tuned...



## IMESH

**The vibe:** It's an orgy in B minor. "Who needs an hour?" asked our resident genius. "This site's idiot-proof." iMesh's unique "meshing" technology triples downloading speeds by meshing files from up to seven users at the same time.

**Platform:** PC

**Music:** Average. Plenty of Weezer, but our guy couldn't find Perry Como's "Te Quiero Dijiste." "iMesh," he said, "es un cabeza del esperma!"

**Video:** More pirated movies than you can shake your stick at. "Star Wars: Episode II" downloaded in under an hour," raved our tester.

**Speed:** The fastest site in all the land (Weezer theft: 19 minutes). "Up with meshing!"

**Overall:** Great site, but you can't disable file sharing. So what? That means that while people "share" your files, your computer moves slower than Ozzy on a bender.



## KAZAA

**The vibe:** A bootlegger's paradise! The world's most popular download site has music and movies before they hit stores. But there's a catch. "The Altnet software unleashes an army of pop-up ads," says our guy. "What the heck is ginkgo biloba anyway?"

**Platform:** PC and Mac

**Music:** More users equals more stuff, but that also means slower and often incorrectly named files. We asked for the Smiths song "Death of a Disco Dancer." We wound up with some snuff film from the '70s. Thank you, KaZaA!

**Video:** Great selection. "Britney touches herself 87 times in her 'I'm a Slave 4 U' video," raved our tester. Keep it in your pants, buddy.

**Speed:** Slow-w-w-w. Weezer's latest: over 53 freakin' minutes!

**Overall:** A great site to use after you've looked and failed everywhere else. Kinda like the Mrs.!



## LIMEWIRE

**The vibe:** It's like walking into a titty bar after a lifetime of burlesque shows. "Nothing could be easier," our guy reported. "I hit the download button, installed the software, and minutes later I was stealing Foreigner's *Complete Greatest Hits*. Party at my place!"

**Platform:** Mac

**Music:** Grabbing Weezer's *Maladroit* was almost too easy. "Limit searches by quality to find only hi-fi songs," says our guy. "Then go shave your ass." Huh?

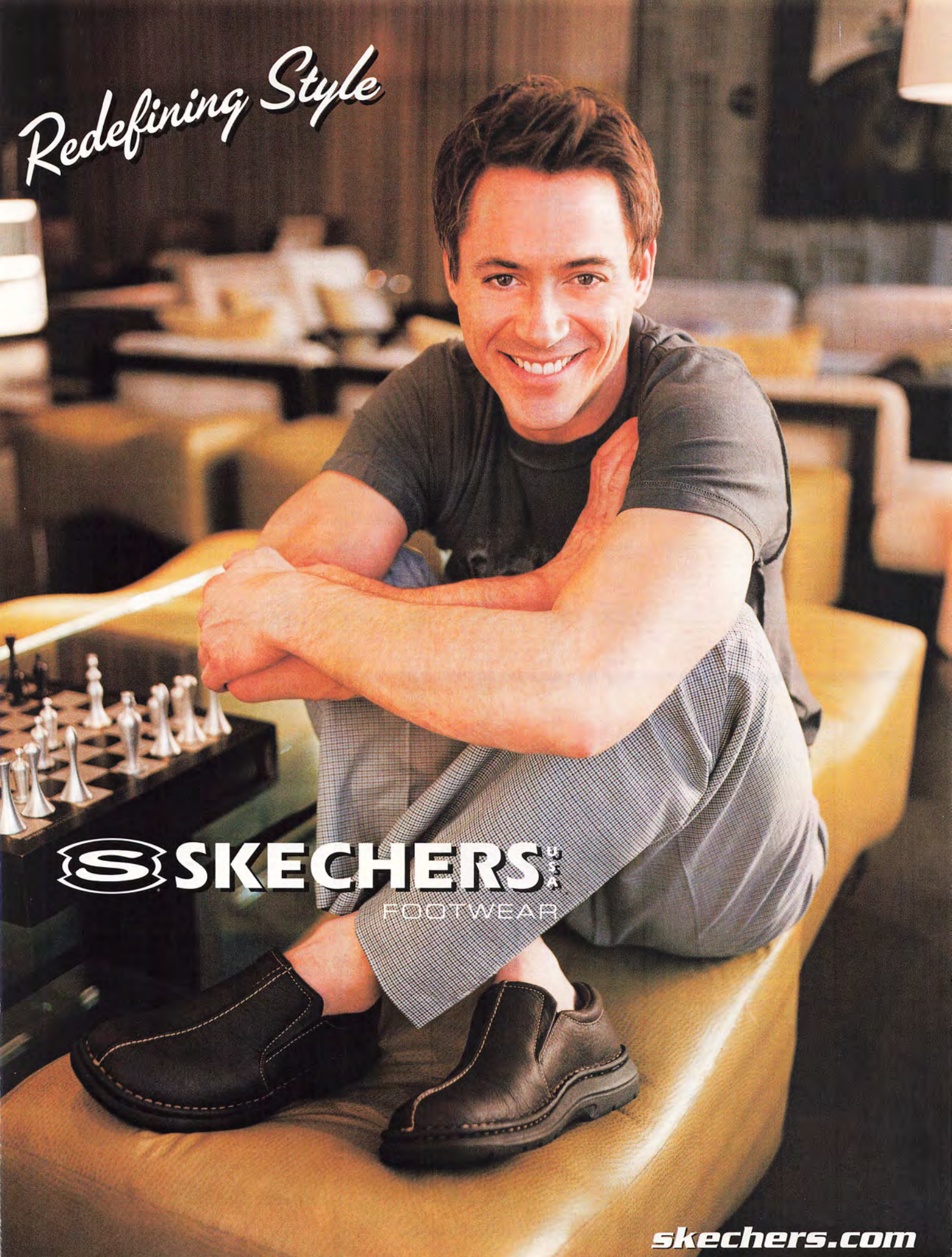
**Video:** Blockbuster's days are numbered. "It's all here!" said our tester. "Police Academy 6, you're mine."

**Speed:** It's no iMesh, but it's still decent (37 minutes). Your best bet? Search through files using only the fastest bandwidths. Outta the way, Grandpa.

**Overall:** Tons of music, great movies, and no goddamn hassle. We have a winner!







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**Page 208-209:** (from left) Suit, \$4,495, shirt, \$265, tie, \$125, all by Ralph Lauren Purple Label, at Polo Ralph Lauren stores; or call 888-475-7674. Shoes, \$500, by Ralph Lauren Footwear, at Polo Ralph Lauren stores; or call 888-475-7674. Suit, \$1,850, shirt, \$395, tie, \$125, and shoes, \$425, all by Giorgio Armani, at Giorgio Armani stores; or visit [www.giorgioarmani.com](http://www.giorgioarmani.com). Suit, \$1,170, shirt, \$150, tie, \$110, and shoes, \$395, all by Salvatore Ferragamo, at Salvatore Ferragamo stores.

**Page 210-211:** Sweater, \$780, pants, \$380, and shoes, \$380, all by Prada, at Prada stores; or call 888-977-1900. Shirt, \$245, and trousers, \$465, both by Meschino Uomo, at Meschino store, NYC; and Traffic, L.A. Muscle tank, \$130, by DSquared², at Jeffrey, NYC; Maxfield, L.A.; Marshall Field's; Saks Fifth Avenue, San Francisco. Boots, \$375, by Bally, at Bally stores, NYC and L.A. Shirt, \$260, pants, \$215, cap, \$120, and belt, \$130, all by Dsquared², at Jeffrey, NYC; Maxfield, L.A.; Marshall Field's; Saks Fifth Avenue, San Francisco. Shoes, \$495, by John Varvatos, at select Neiman Marcus stores; and Barneys New York. Jacket, \$255, and scarf, \$64, both by John Varvatos, at John Varvatos stores, NYC and L.A. Shirt, \$225, by John Varvatos, at John Varvatos stores, NYC and L.A.; and Barneys New York. Sweater, \$450, and jeans, \$185, both by John Varvatos, at John Varvatos stores, NYC and L.A.; and Scott & Co., L.A. Jacket, \$190, shirt, \$315, vest, \$425, scarf, \$210, and trousers, \$495, all by Marc Jacobs, at Marc Jacobs stores, NYC and San Francisco.

**Page 212-213:** Sweater, \$950, by Jill Sander, at Jill Sander store, San Francisco. Shirt, \$225, by Jill Sander, at 800-704-7317. Trousers, \$445, by Jill Sander, at Jill Sander store, Chicago and San Francisco; Jeffrey, NYC; Saks Fifth Avenue, Beverly Hills, CA. Shoes, \$220, by Jill Sander for Puma, at Maxfield, L.A.; Jeffrey, NYC; Scoop, NYC. Sweater, \$550, and pants, \$360, both by Calvin Klein Black Label, at Calvin Klein stores, NYC and Dallas; and Bergdorf Goodman. Shoes, \$290, by Calvin Klein, at Calvin Klein stores, NYC and Dallas.

**Page 214-215:** (from left) T-shirt, \$130, and trousers, \$315, both by Dsquared², at Jeffrey, NYC; Maxfield, L.A.; Marshall Field's; Saks Fifth Avenue, San Francisco. Jacket, \$345, by JPG, at Gaultier, at Jean Paul Gaultier store, NYC; and H. Men, L.A. Shirt, \$495, and pants, \$365, both by Jean Paul Gaultier, at Jean Paul Gaultier store, NYC; select Marshall Field's stores; and Lio, Las Vegas. Cap, \$135, vest, \$1,205, shirt, \$300, jeans, \$320, and boots, \$700, all by Dolce & Gabbana, at Dolce & Gabbana boutiques, NYC, Beverly Hills, CA, and Bal Harbour, FL. Vest, \$790, jacket, \$3,695, shirt, \$461, trousers (from a suit), \$2,205, and shoes, \$380, all by Versace, at Versace stores; or call 888-3-VERSACE, or visit [www.versace.com](http://www.versace.com).

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\$375, all by Bally, at Bally stores, NYC and Beverly Hills, CA. Suit, \$1,696, and shirt, \$275, both by Dior Homme by Hedi Slimane, at Barneys New York, NYC and L.A.; Jeffrey, NYC; Bagutta, NYC; and Maxfield, L.A.

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**Page 218-219:** (clockwise from top) Sneakers, \$260, by Bally, at Bally stores, NYC and Beverly Hills, CA; or call 877-90-BALLY. Shoes, \$145, by Cole Haan, at Cole Haan stores. Lace-ups, \$275, by Sergio Rossi, at Sergio Rossi stores, NYC, Costa Mesa, CA, and Dallas. Shoes, \$80, by Steve Madden, at select Steve Madden stores; or visit [www.stevemaddenmens.com](http://www.stevemaddenmens.com). Shoes, \$125, by Tsubo, call 866-567-7659; or visit [www.tsubo.com](http://www.tsubo.com).

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**Page 226:** (clockwise from top left) Satchel, \$250, by Tumi, call 800-322-8864. Carry-on, \$195, by Kenneth Cole New York; call 800-KEN-COLE; or visit [www.kennethcole.com](http://www.kennethcole.com). Pants, \$110, by John Bartlett Uniform, at Saks Fifth Avenue; Bergdorf Goodman; and Macy's West.

**Page 232-233:** Shirt, \$77, by Pendleton, call 800-522-9665; or visit [www.pendleton-usa.com](http://www.pendleton-usa.com). Pants, \$110, by John Bartlett Uniform, at Saks Fifth Avenue; Bergdorf Goodman; and Macy's West.

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**Page 236:** (from left) Jacket, \$150, by Pendleton; call 800-522-9665; or visit [www.pendleton-usa.com](http://www.pendleton-usa.com). Sweater, \$270, by FAL, by Jeffrey Grubb, at select Neiman Marcus stores; and Stanley Korshak, Dallas; or visit [www.fal.com](http://www.fal.com). Jeans, \$115, by Victorinox Apparel by Swiss Army, at Bloomingdale's; Saks Fifth Avenue; Macy's; or call 866-99-SWISS; or visit [www.swissarmy.com](http://www.swissarmy.com). Boots, \$325, by Baretta Sport, at Baretta Gallery, NYC and Dallas. Coat, \$200, by Chereskin, at Macy's West; or visit [www.chereskin.com](http://www.chereskin.com). Shirt, \$185, by Marzotto Lab, at Barneys New York; and Kilgore Trout, Jeans, \$85, by Levi's Premium; visit [www.levi.com](http://www.levi.com). Belt, \$225, by Hollywood Trading Company; visit [www.hollywoodtrading.com](http://www.hollywoodtrading.com).

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- b. ☐ "Down in a Hole" e. ☐ "Would?"
- c. ☐ "Junkhead" f. ☐ "Nothin' Song"



**2** Gary Densham set the NHRA Funny Car speed record this year. Name it.

- a. ☐ 326 mph (Bo 'n' Luke speed)
- b. ☐ 358 mph (Ramming speed)
- c. ☐ 391 mph (Beep-beep speed)

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**3.** Match the Hollywood star to his highest military rank achieved.



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**4.** What are the odds of rolling snake eyes?

- a. ☐ 12:1
- b. ☐ 24:1
- c. ☐ 36:1

**5.** What euphemism for sex does *Maxim* not officially recognize?

- a. ☐ Become one
- b. ☐ Hide the salami
- c. ☐ Bury Uncle Fester

**6.** Which resource-rich land is most likely to be the 51st state?

- a. ☐ Puerto Rico
- b. ☐ Quebec
- c. ☐ Iraq

**7.** Which blues legend is believed to have made a pact with the devil?

- a. ☐ Robert Johnson
- b. ☐ Muddy Waters
- c. ☐ Howlin' Wolf
- d. ☐ Yanni



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**8.** Which is worse in terms of overall suffering: a 30-minute conversation with your grandpa or falling into a ditch lined with bamboo punji stakes?

- a. ☐ The crackpot theories and self-serving anecdotes
- b. ☐ The sudden dermal perforation

**9.** Who are widely regarded as making the best trouser cough victims?

- a. ☐ Coworkers
- b. ☐ Strangers in an elevator
- c. ☐ Your girlfriend, when she's trying to sleep
- d. ☐ Smug college freshmen sitting on lawn

**10.** How many of the 11 Triple Crown winners have been fillies?

- a. ☐ 0
- b. ☐ 2
- c. ☐ 8
- d. ☐ 11



**11.** What movie's tag line is, "What is worth dying for...is worth killing for"?

- a. ☐ *The Patriot*
- b. ☐ *Richard III*
- c. ☐ *Stuart Little*
- d. ☐ *Hussein's Wacky Infidel Bloopers II*

**12.** Which fighter won back the WBA heavyweight title a record three times?

- a. ☐ Muhammad Ali
- b. ☐ Evander Holyfield
- c. ☐ Mike Tyson
- d. ☐ Darva Conger

**13.** You're like a bird, you don't know where your home is, and you'll always fly away.

- a. ☐ Wow, that's me, all right.
- b. ☐ I live with my parents.
- c. ☐ Screw this—I'm off to GQ.



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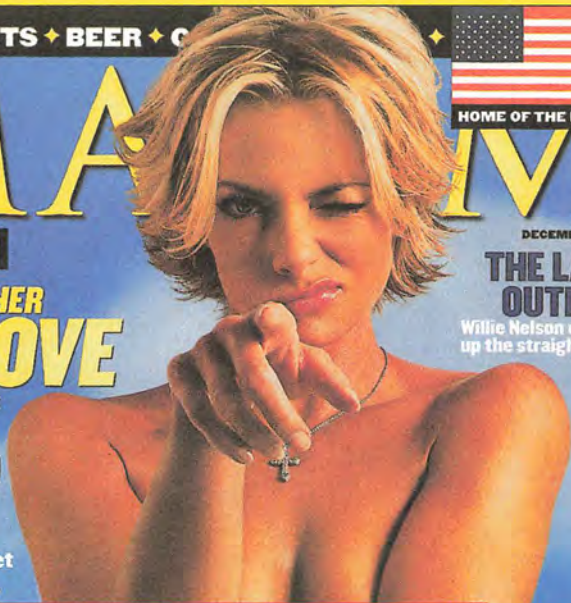
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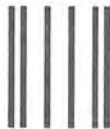
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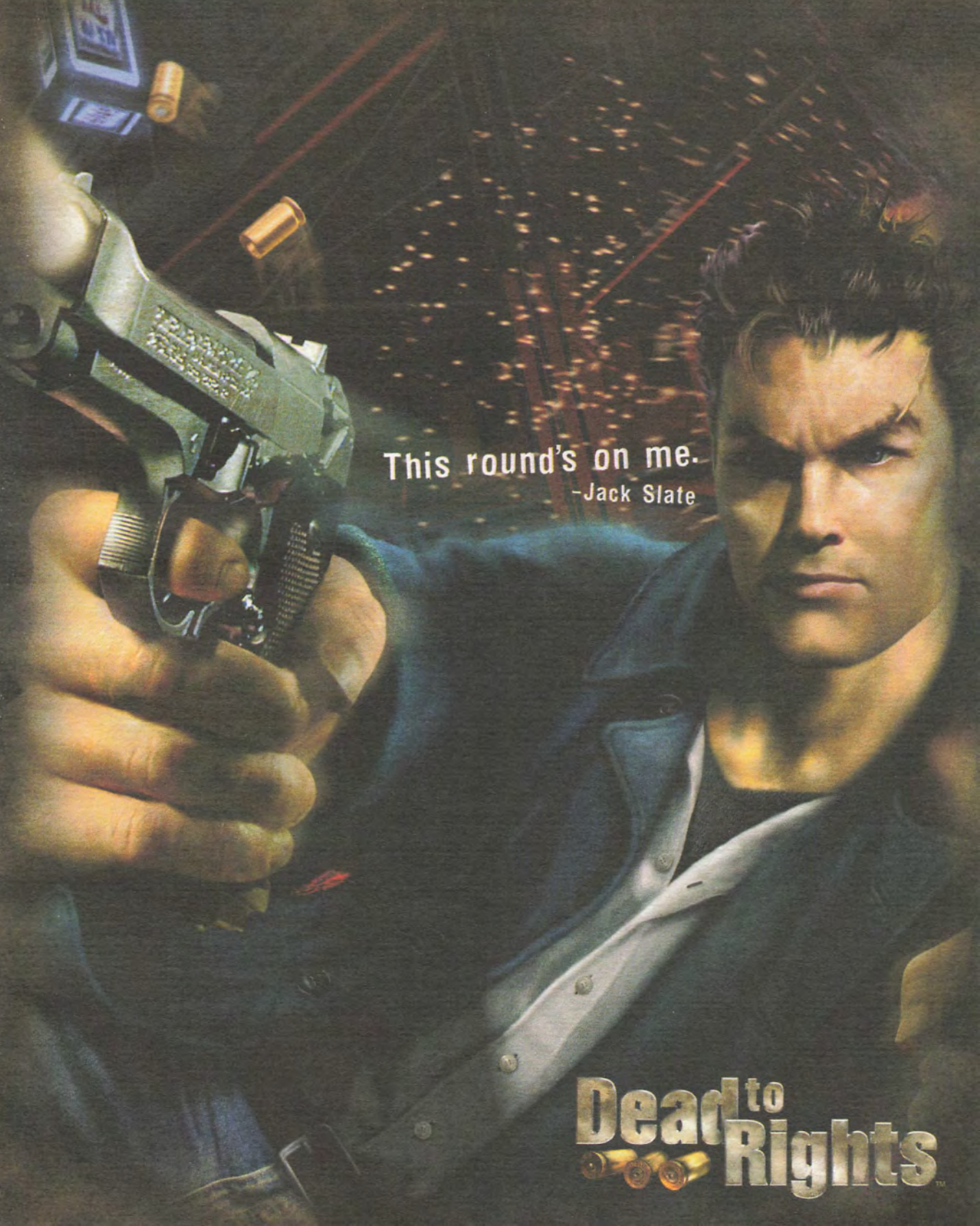
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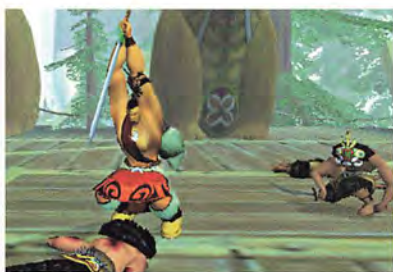


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### Rau

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- Broadsword/Dagger
- Taiaha (Spear)
- Bow/Arrow
- Battle Axe

### Kuzo

A large black bird. Rau's trusted friend and spirit guide. Rau has the power to see through the eyes of Kuzo. He is Rau's eyes and ears, helping Rau scout unknown territory.

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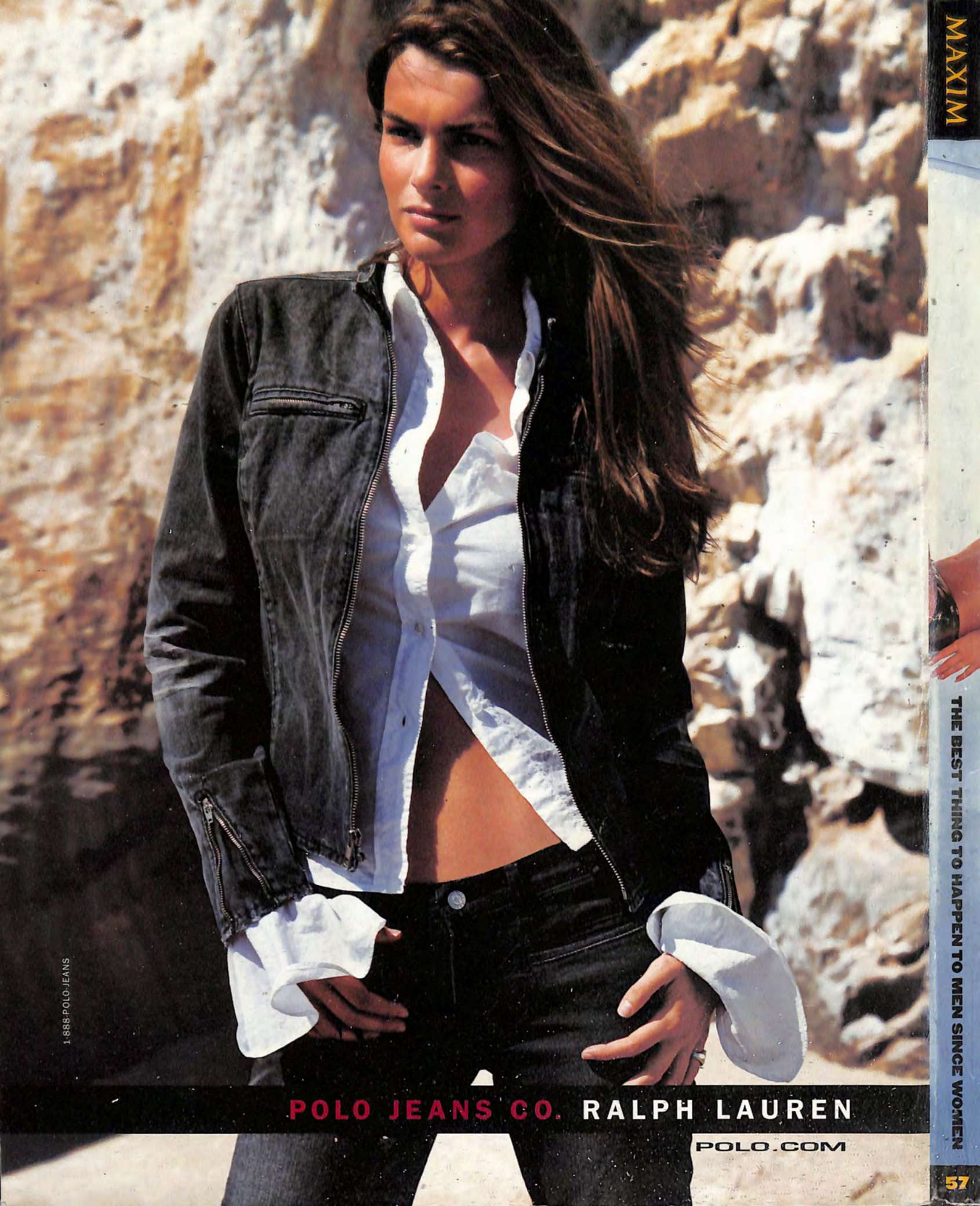


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